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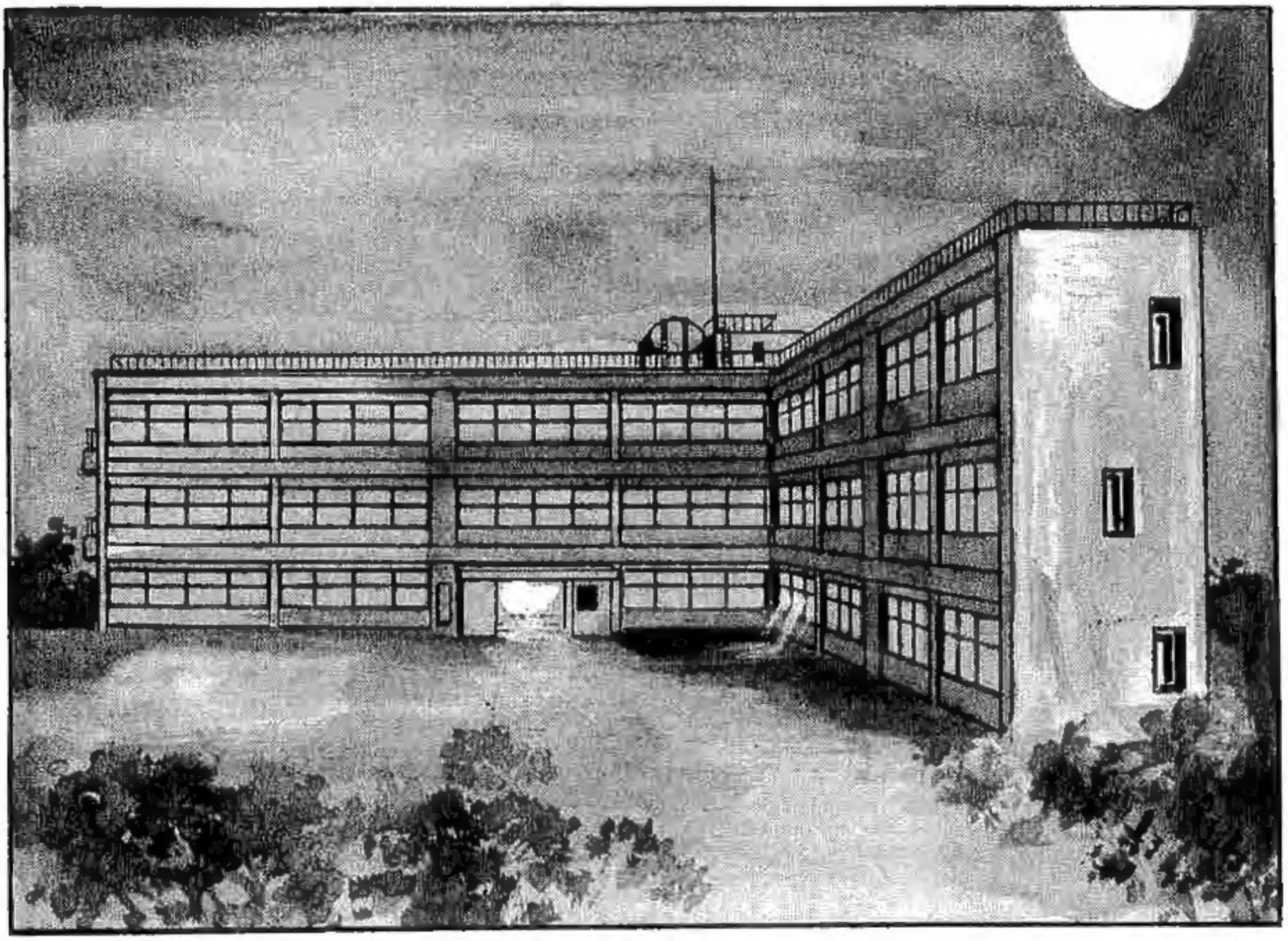
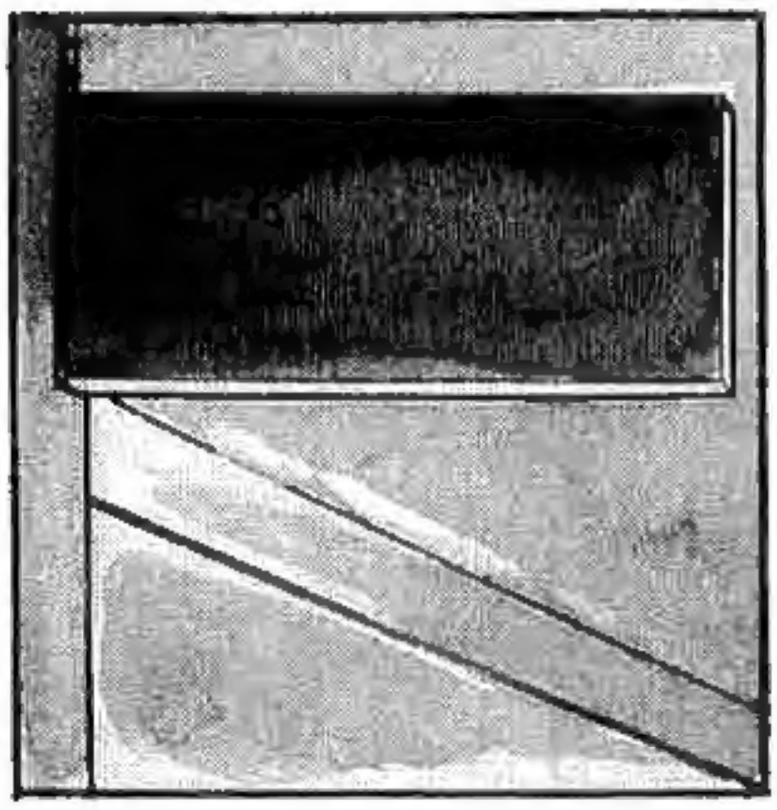
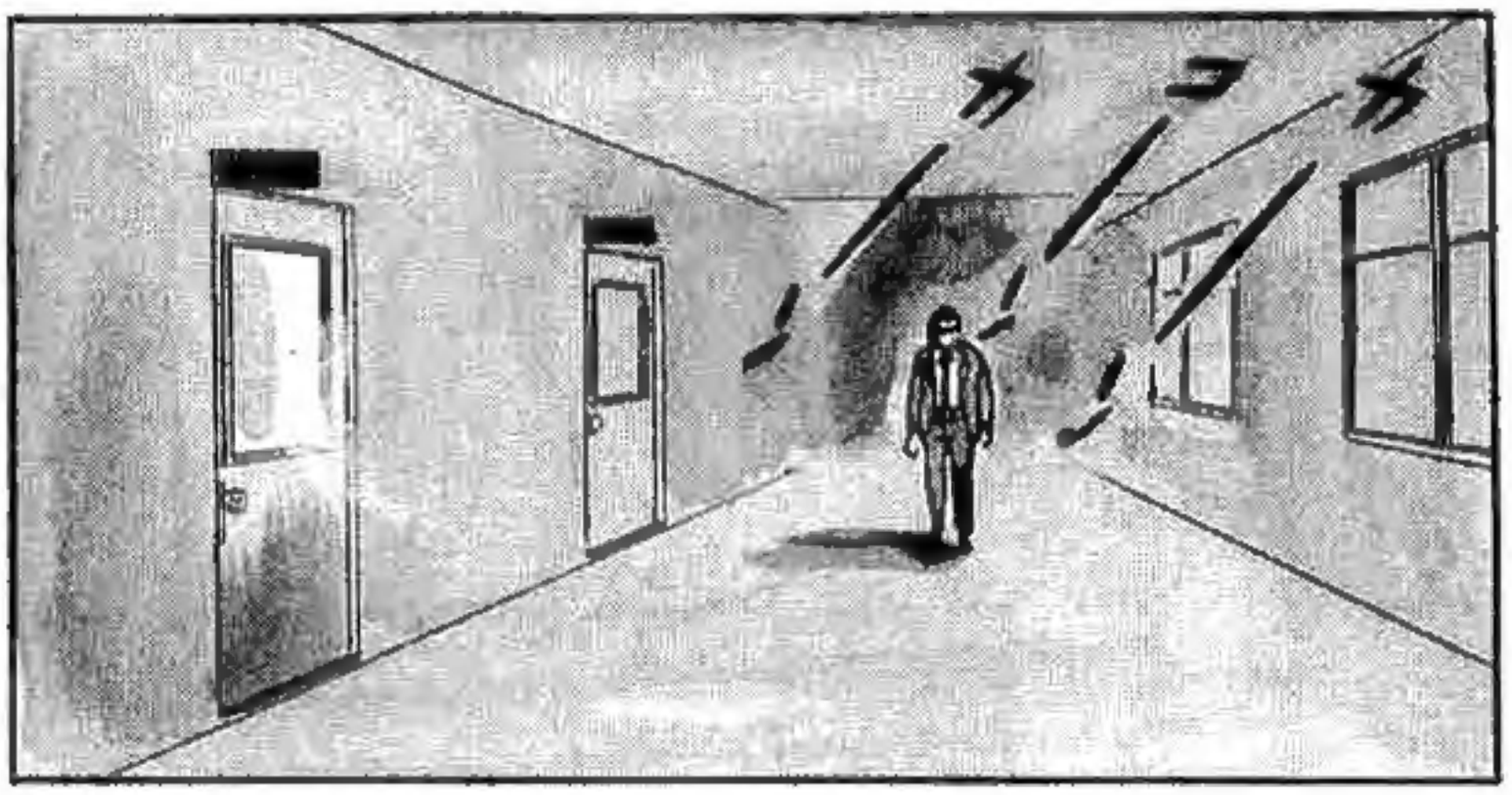
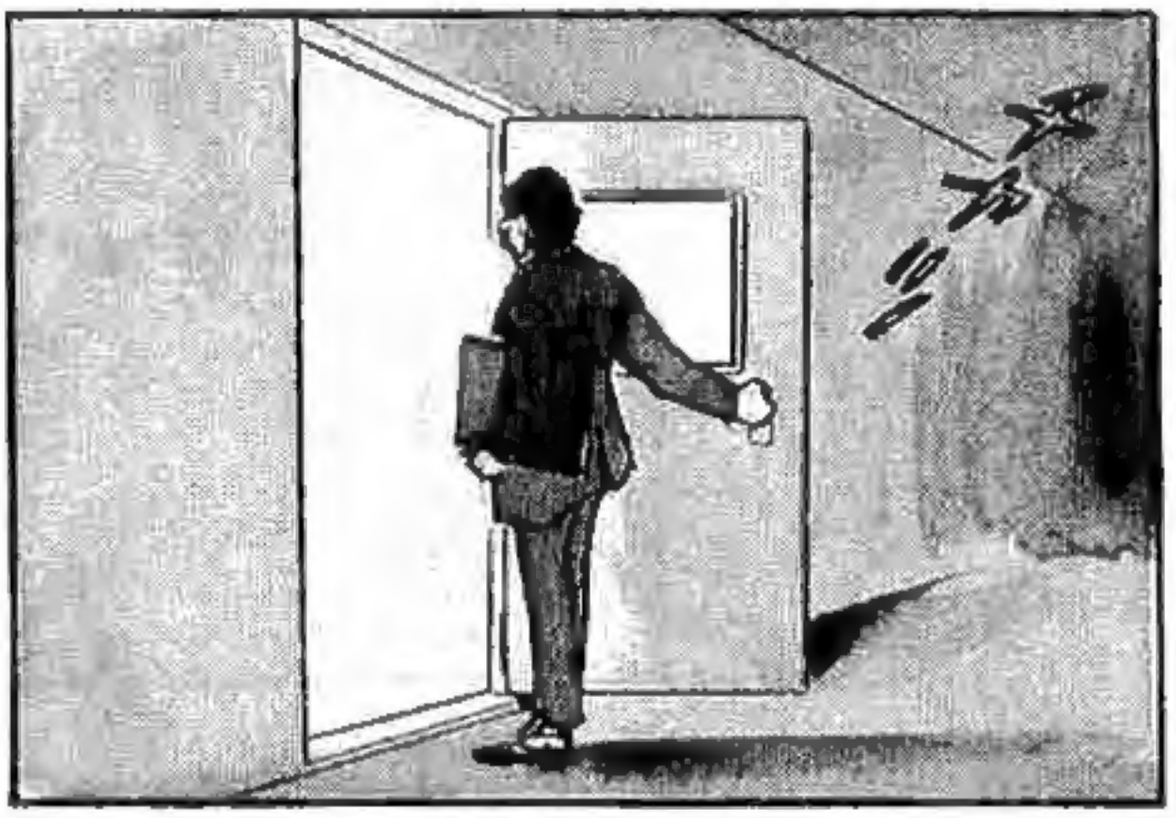








ARE YOU STILL UP TO THAT ..?

OH, IT'S YOU, KOMORI ...

YOU SHOULD GO HOME SOON.

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THE EXPERIMENT FORMULA WILL BE ON THE TEST.

I'M SORRY...

ALL THE OTHER STUDENTS HAVE GONE HOME, YOU KNOW!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS? IT'S 7:00!

.....

GOT IT!?

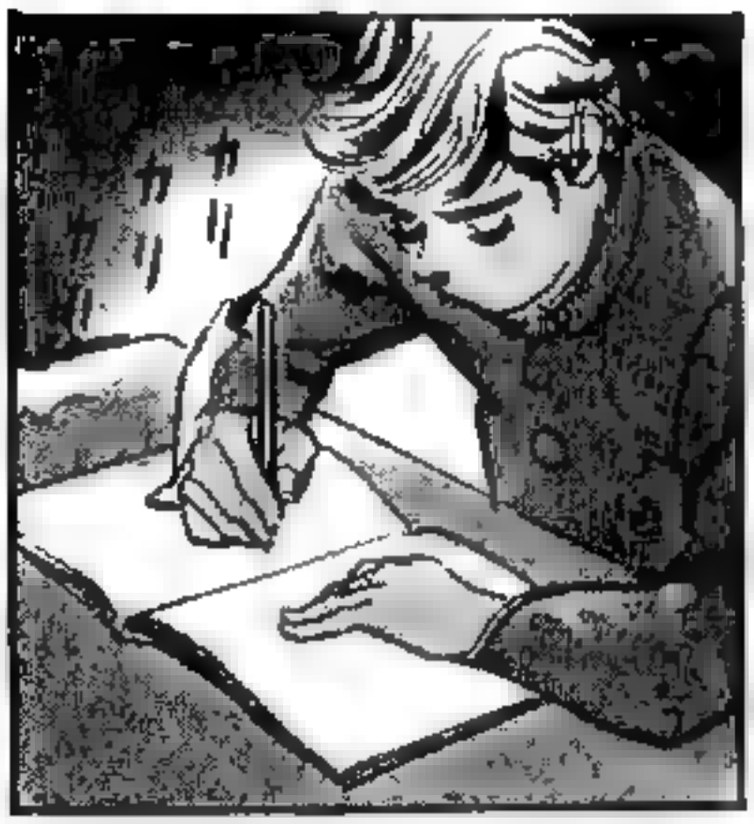
AND THERE'S NO EXPERIMENT AS DANGEROUS AS ONES THAT USES RADIOACTIVITY CONTROLLERS...

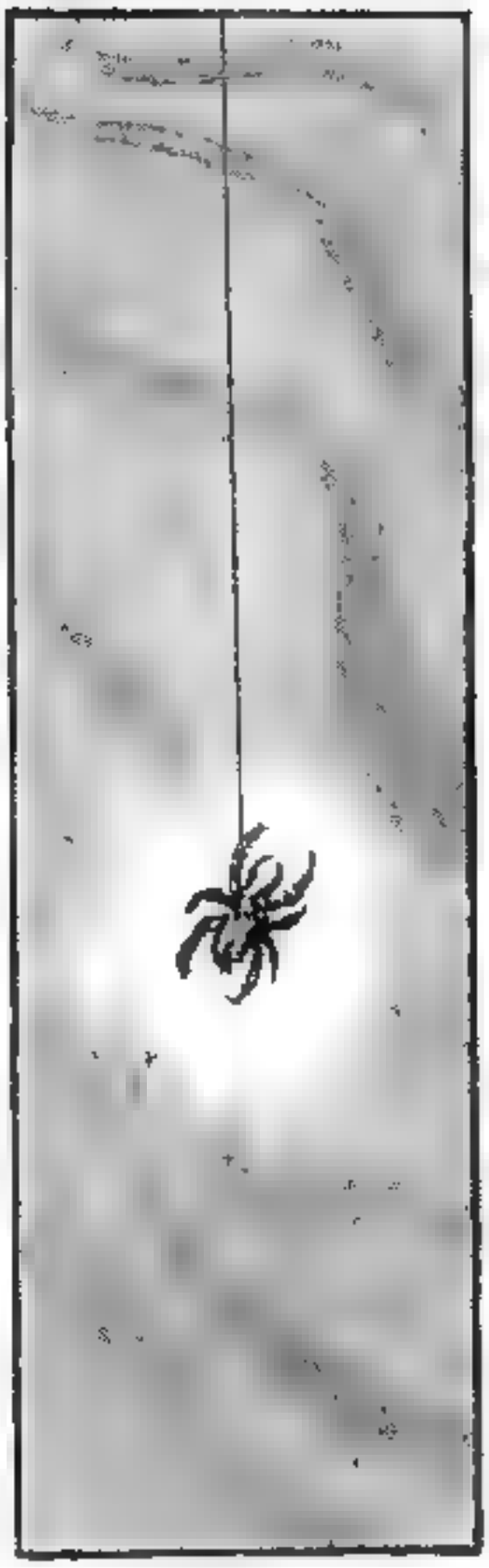
EVERYONE ELSE THINKS OF ME...

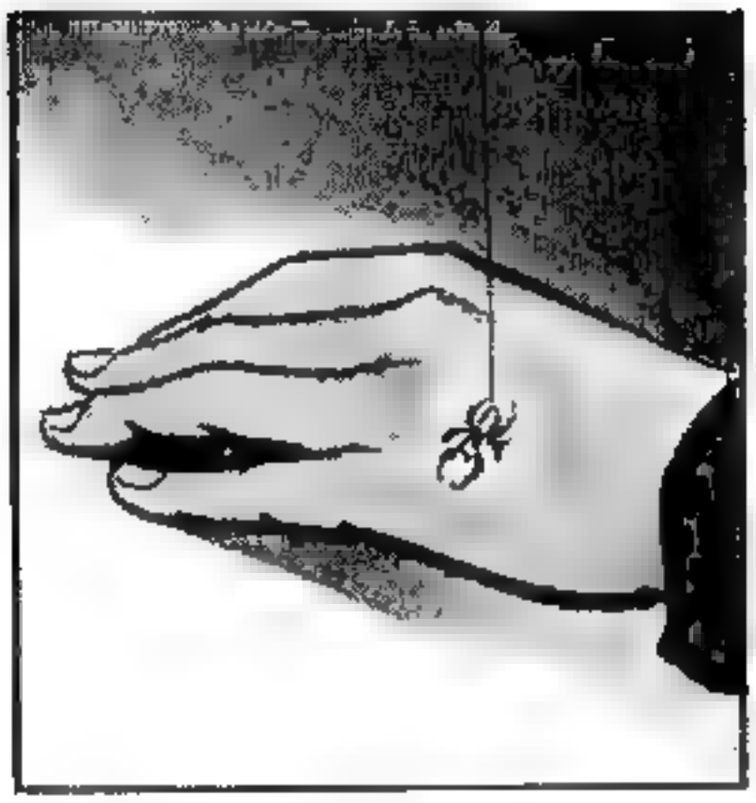
...AS JUST A BOOKWORM WITH DULL REFLEXES...

...AND GET BACK AT THOSE THAT MADE FUN OF ME!

BUT THEY'LL SEE... I'LL KEEP STUDYING AS MUCH AS I HAVE TO...







WOAH!

I-IT'S A SPIDER!

HUH..?

IT BIT ME...

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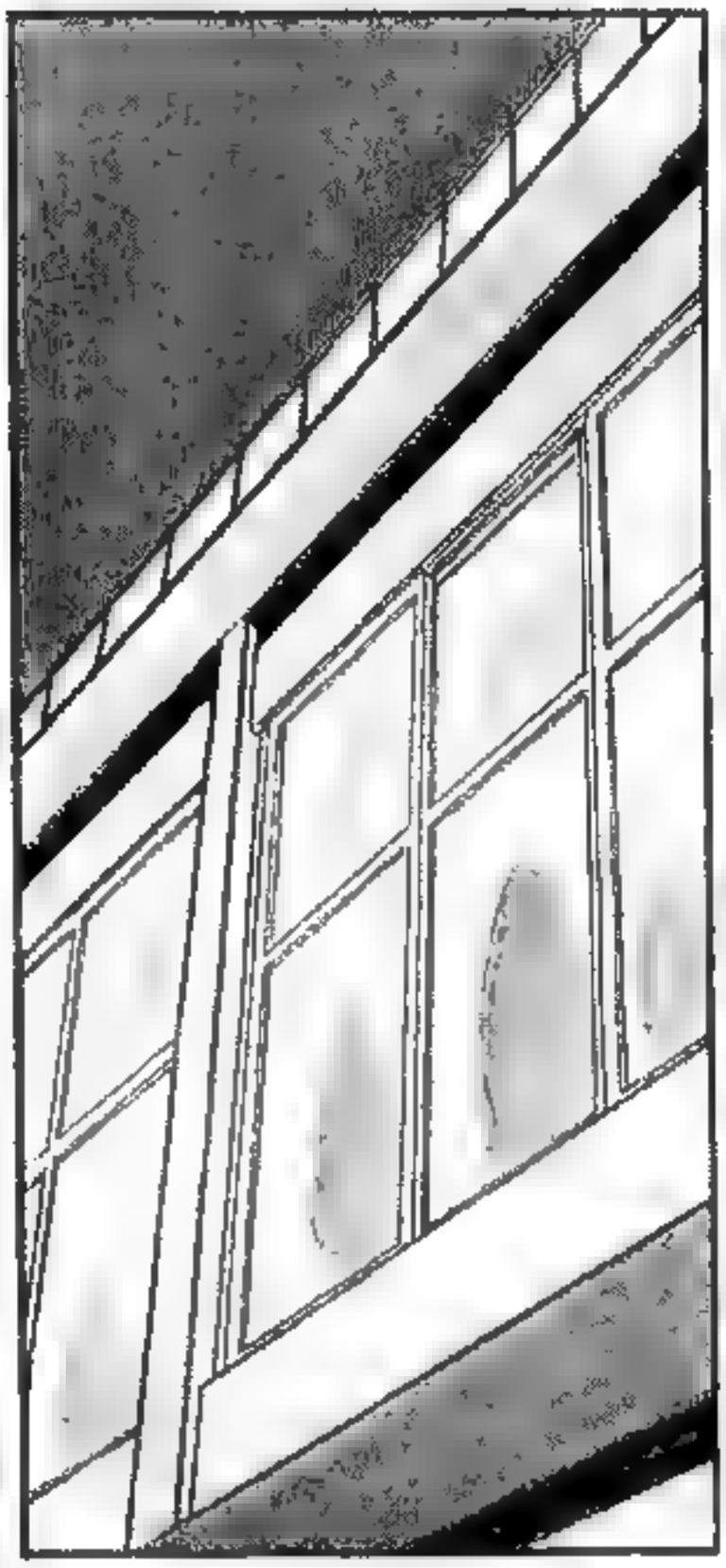
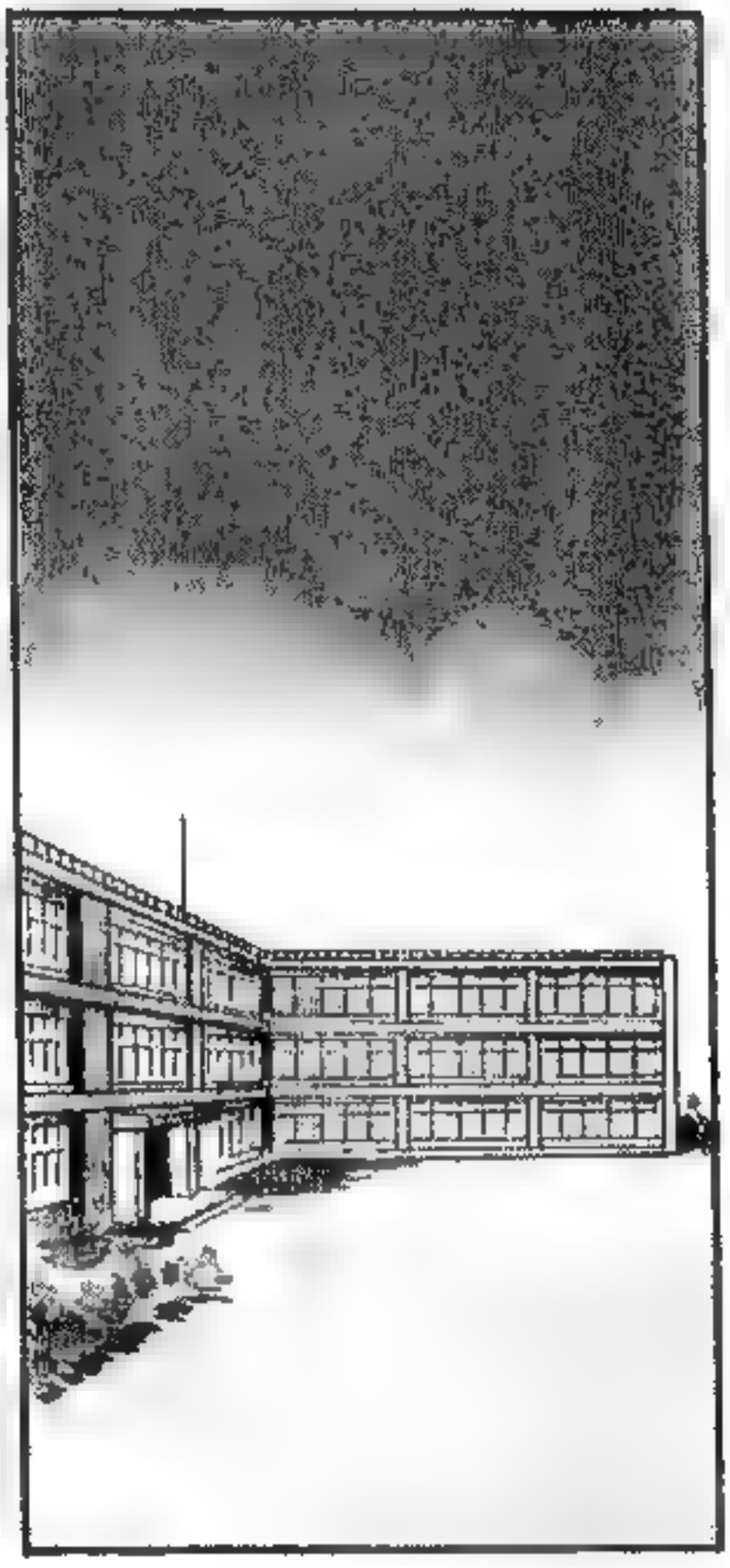
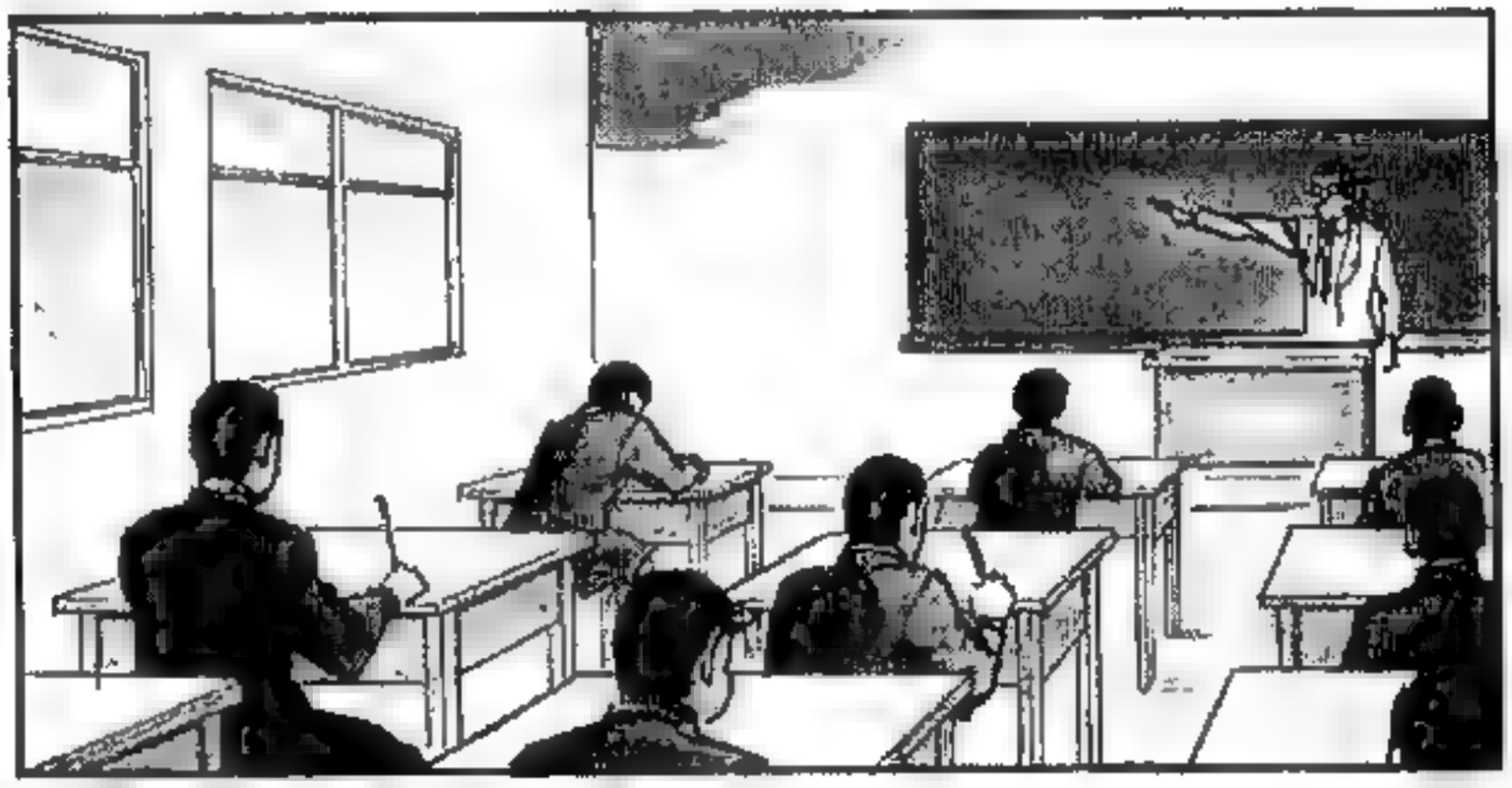
W-WHAT'S GOING ON..!? I-I FEEL STRANGE!







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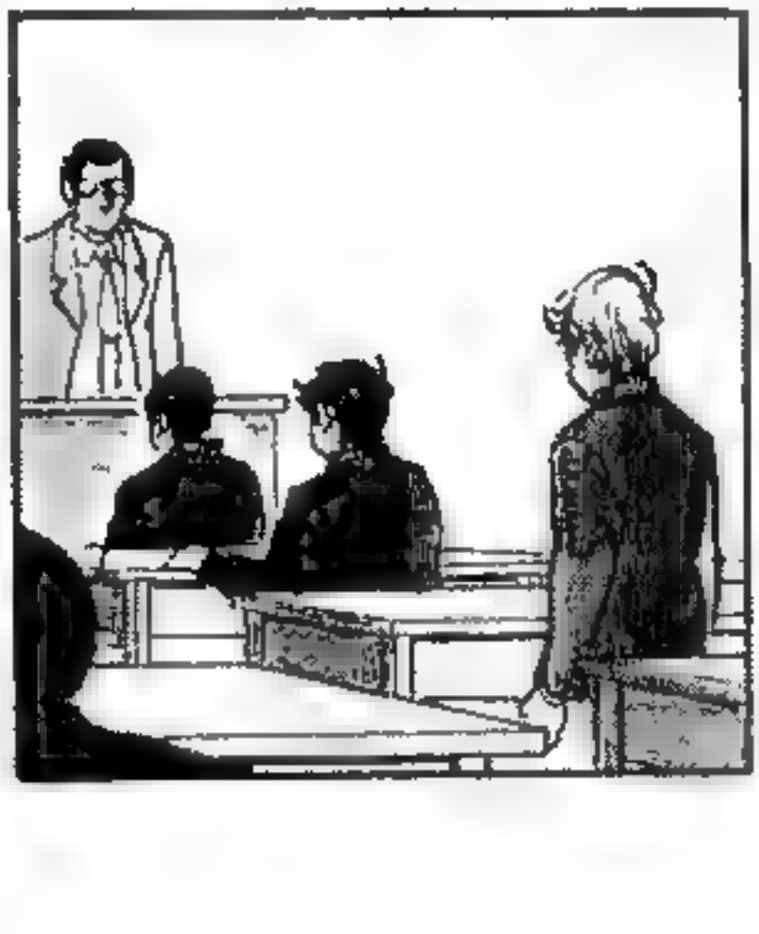

TEACHER ...

THANK YOU...

WELL, ALRIGHT. GO HOME AND REST.

HE MUST BE STUPID! THAT'S NOT GONNA BE ON THE TEST!

I TALKED TO THE SCIENCE TEACHER THE OTHER DAY, AND HE WAS DOING THE EXPERIMENT YESTERDAY, TOO...

YEAH! I GUESS ALL THOSE TESTS HAVE GIVEN HIM A NEUROSIS.

DID YOU SEE THAT? KOMORI'S FACE WAS SO PALE!

HE KEEPS SCREWING UP, WHETHER WE DO BASEBALL OR ANYTHING ELSE.

HEHEHE...

NOT ONLY THAT, HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY REFLEXES AT ALL.

STILL, KOMORI REALLY IS A BOOK-WORM.

WHY DO I FEEL SO WEIRD..?

.....

I FELT SO DIZZY AFTER THE SPIDER BIT ME... AND SINCE THEN I'VE FELT THAT SOMETHING WAS DIFFERENT...

WHY IS THIS HAPPEN-ING?

...FILLED WITH SOME AMAZING ENERGY... THAT'S HOW IT FEELS!

YEAH, I FEEL LIKE MY BODY'S...

.....

THAT'S WHY I HURRIED HOME... BUT I DON'T FEEL ANY BETTER TODAY...

I SAID WATCH IT, IDIOT!

S-SORRY!

HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!!

WOAH!

.....

WAAAAAAAAAAAUGH!

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I STUCK OUT MY ARM
TO DODGE HIS PUNCH...
BUT BEFORE I COULD PULL IT...
IT BENT THE STEEL FRAME..!?

W-WHAT'S GOING ON!?

CRASH

A-AM I GOING CRAZY!?

I'M CLIMBING UP THE WALL... AND MY HANDS AND FEET ARE HOLDING ME UP!

ALMOST LIKE...

...A SPIDER..!

I'M KOMORI RYU, AND MY BODY STARTED CHANGING...

...WHEN I WAS BITTEN BY A TINY SPIDER.

...INCLUDED UNBELIEVABLE BRUTE STRENGTH AND LEAPING ABILITY. ALSO...

THOSE CHANGES...

...AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I COULD CLIMB UP WALLS!

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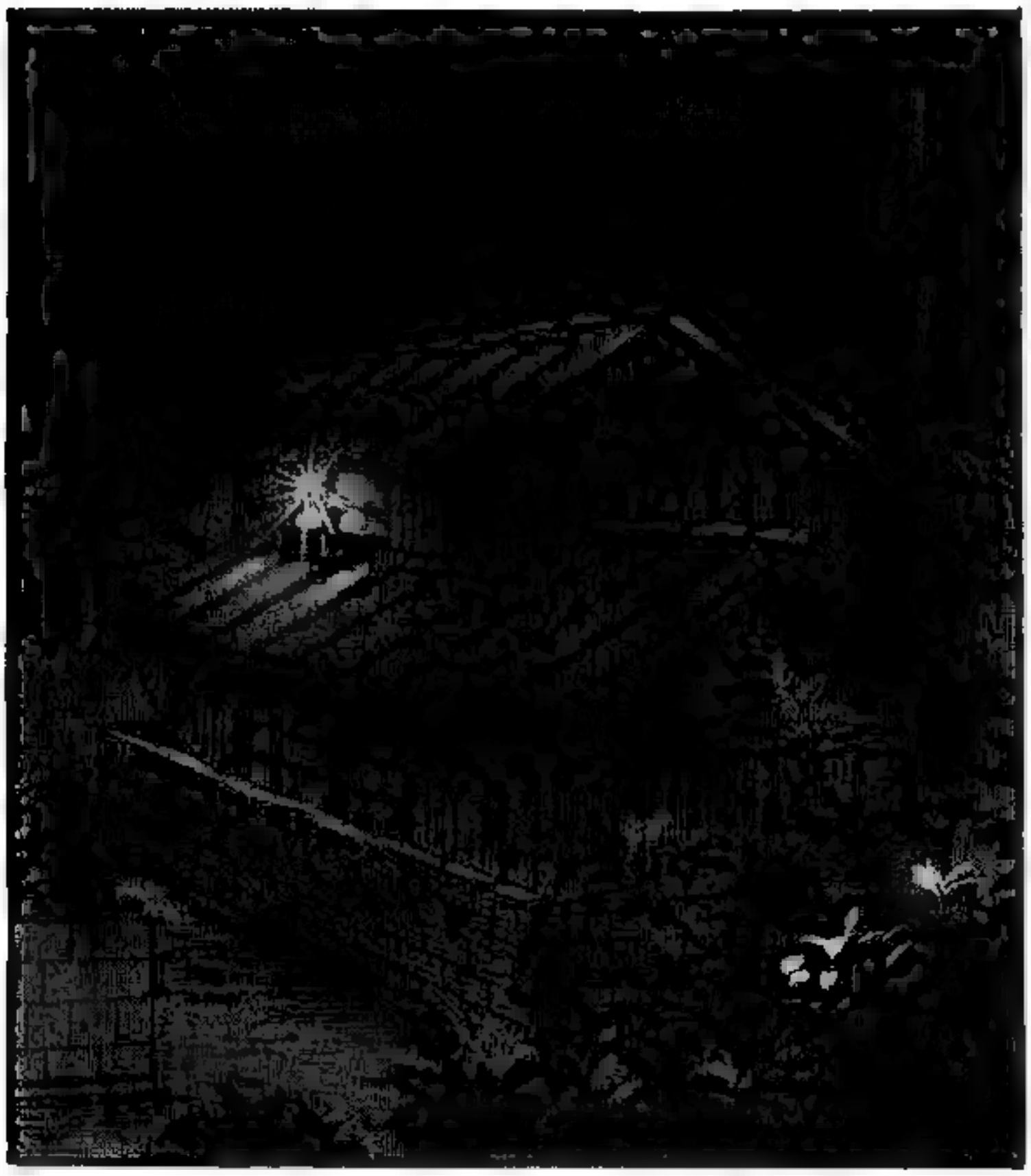
MY HANDS.

...AND MY FEET HAD SOME STRANGE ADHESION



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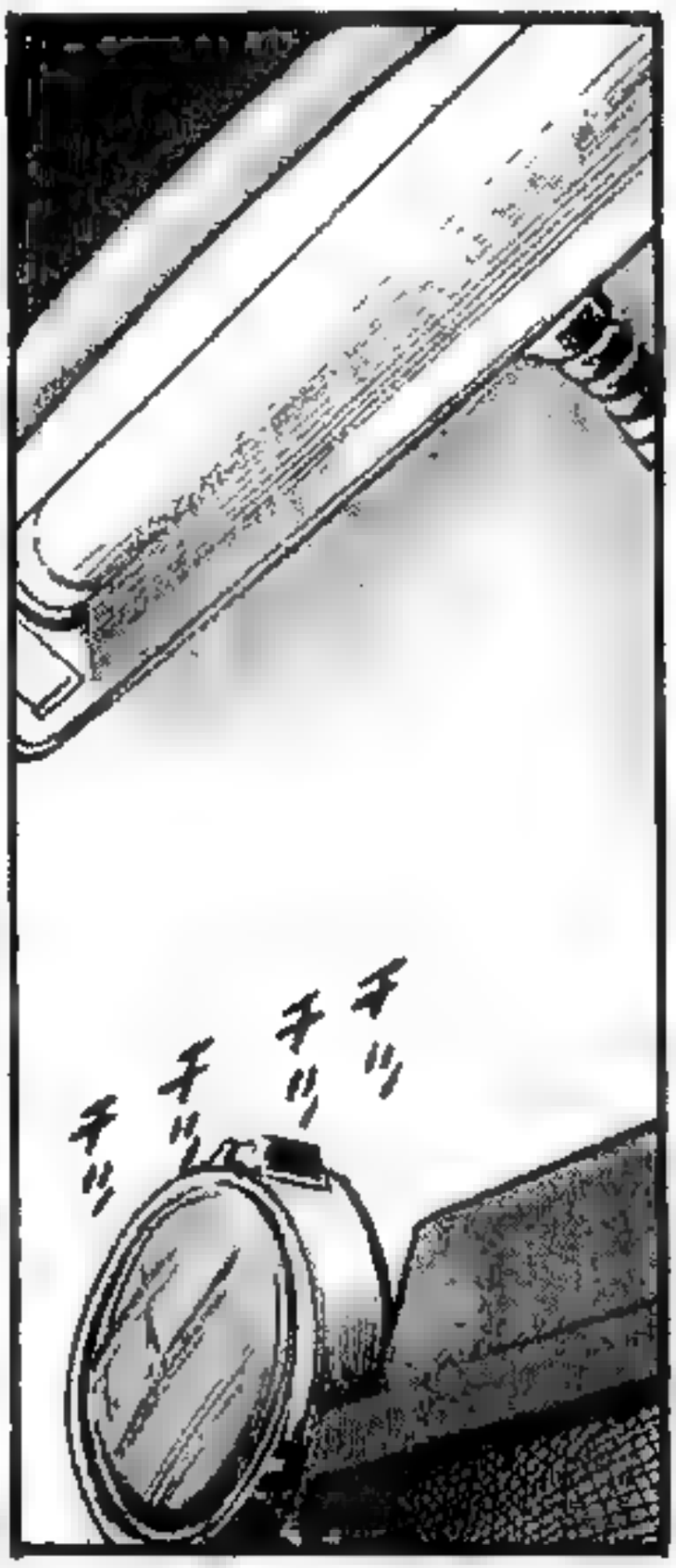
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AND THAT SPIDER'S LIFE...

...MUST HAVE HAD SOME KIND OF INSTANTANEOUS EFFECT...

THAT SPIDER... MUST'VE ABSORBED LARGE QUANTITIES OF RADIATION FROM THE EXPERIMENT...

IT'S BEEN A MONTH... AND I FINALLY KNOW THE CAUSE OF THESE CHANGES!

ENTOMOLOGY

BY SOME STRANGE MEANS, ITS ABILITIES FOUND THEIR WAY INSIDE ME!

...ON THE BLOOD CELLS IN MY BLOOD!

FURTHER, REGARDING THE SPIDER'S STRING...

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SPIDER'S STRING...

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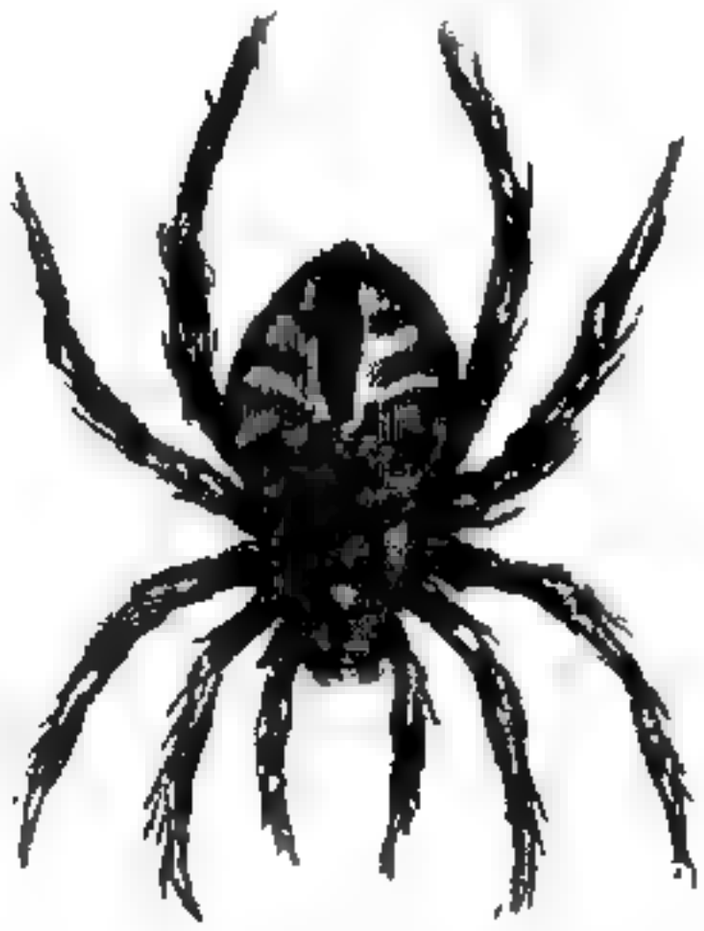
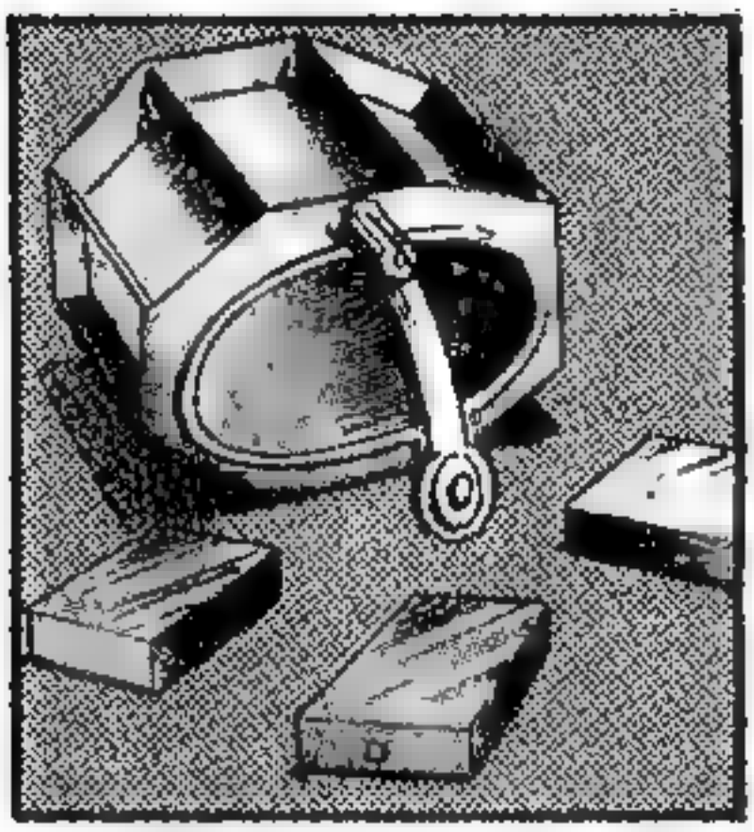
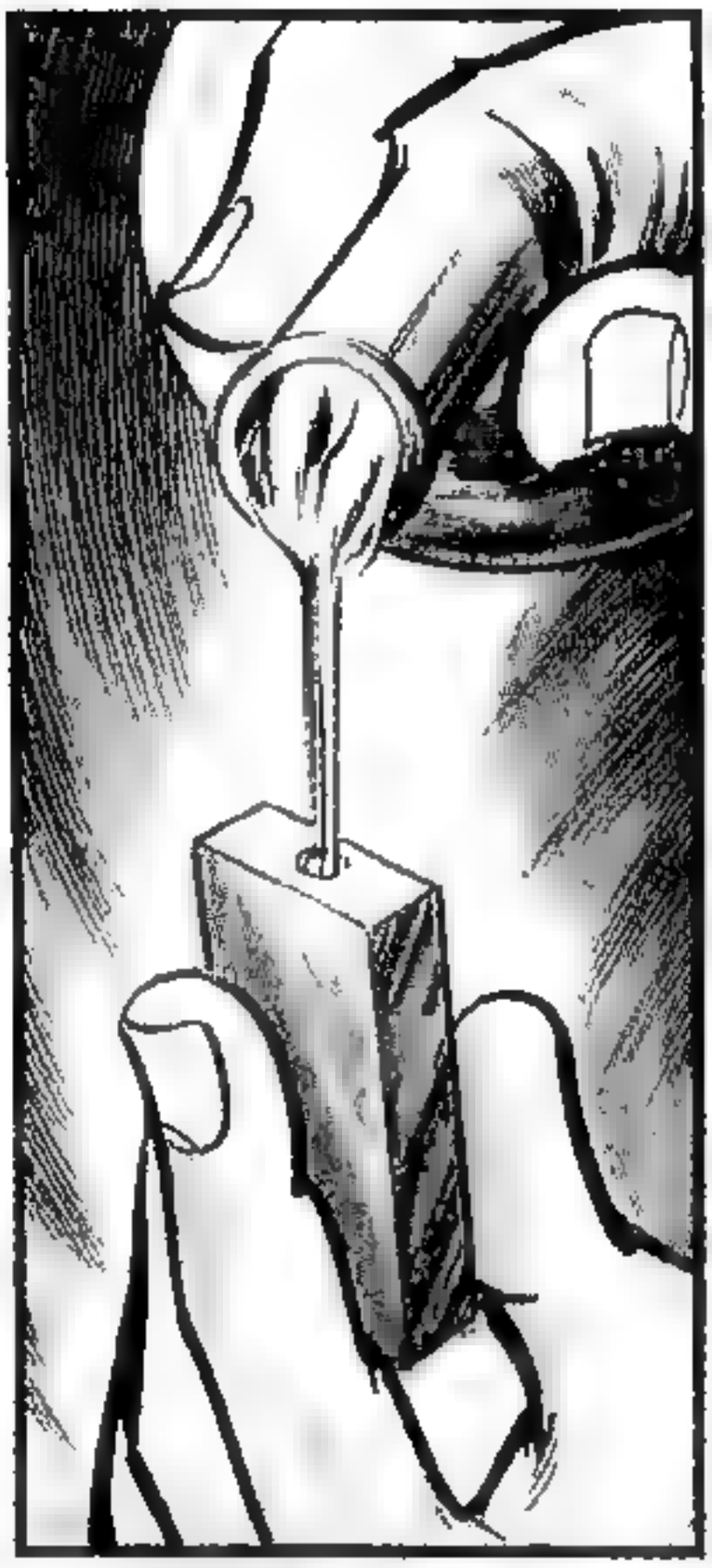
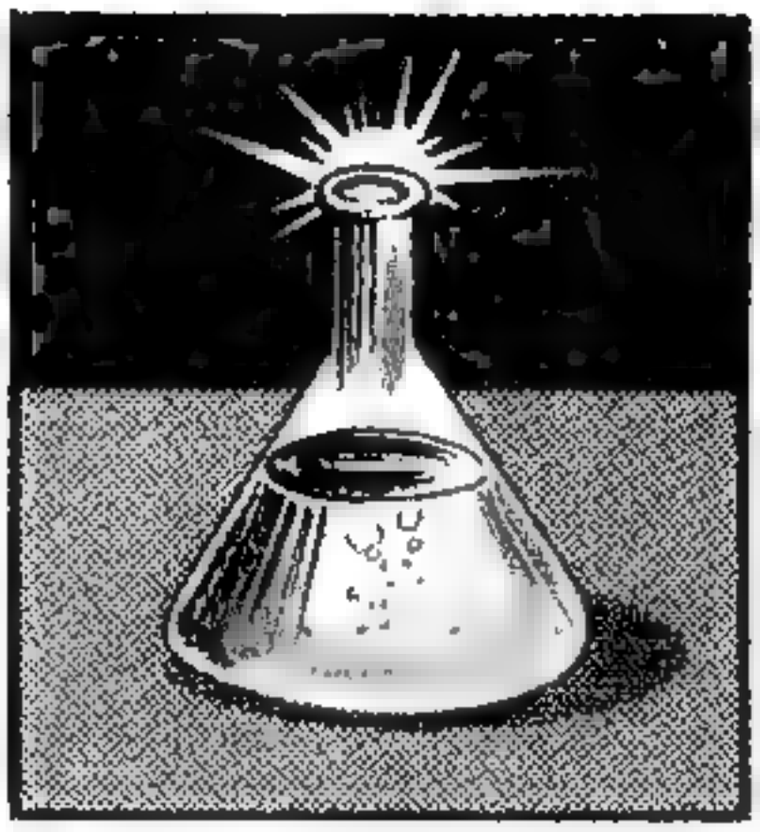
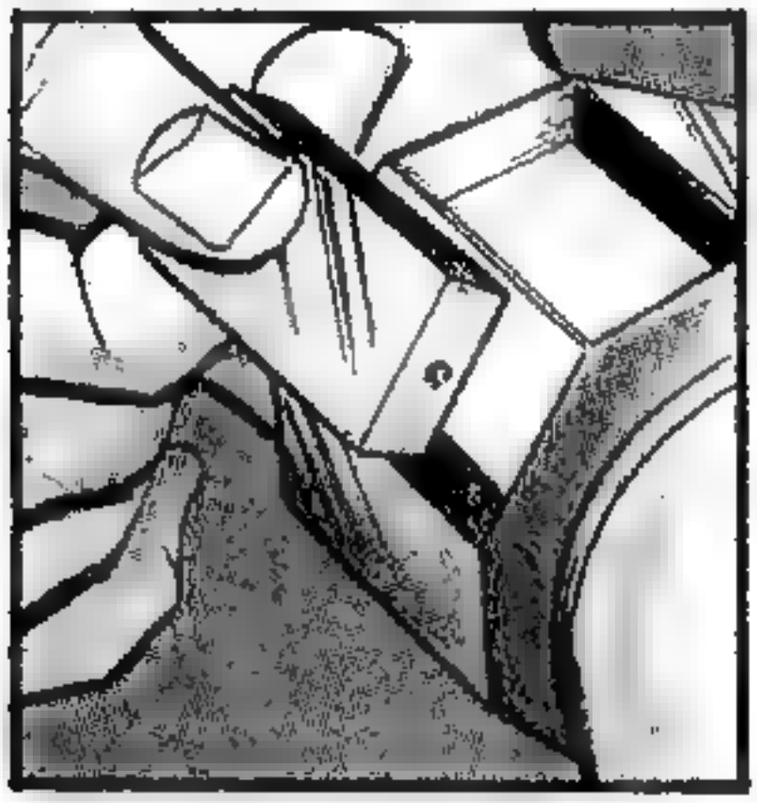


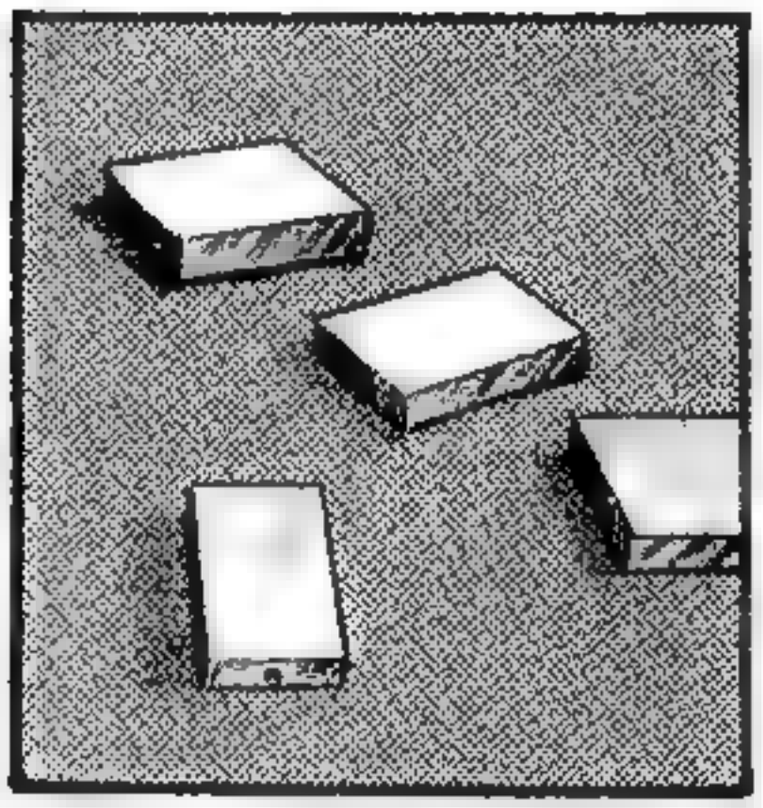
SPIDER (KUMO)
THE WORD "KUMO"
COMES FROM "KOMORU",
OR "TO HIDE",
DUE TO ITS TRAIT OF KEEPING HIDDEN
AND SHOWING ITSELF
OCCASIONALLY TO CAPTURE
INSECTS OR OTHER PREY.

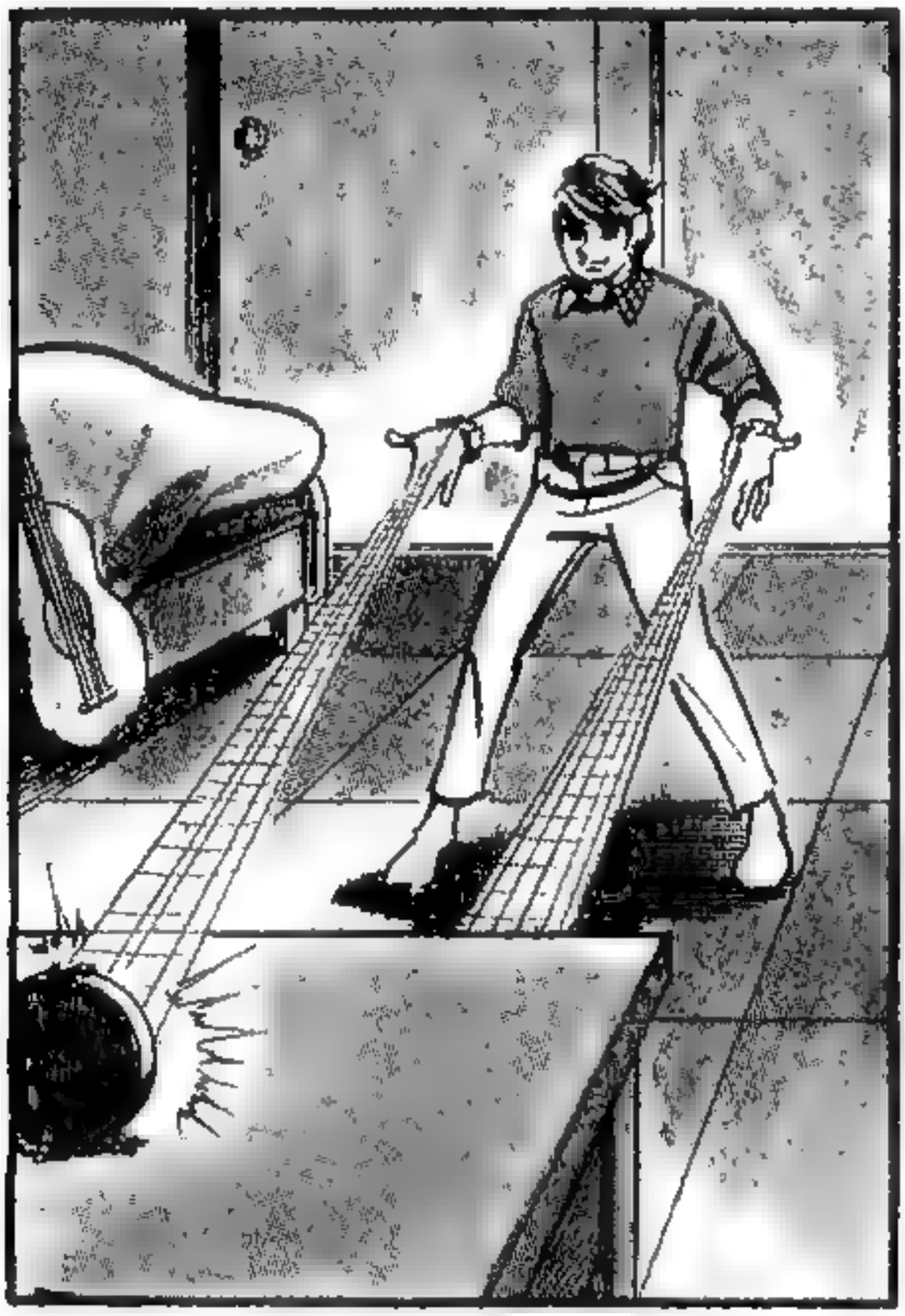












...AFTER GAINING THE SUPER-HUMAN ABILITIES OF A SPIDER...

...AND I WAS OBSESSED!

THE EXCITEMENT AND FEAR MIXED INSIDE ME!..

FOR THAT REASON, I WENT TO THE LIBRARY EVERY DAY AND ANALYZED AND RESEARCHED ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT SPIDERS.

...I WANTED TO KNOW THE LIMITS OF MY POWER!

WITH THIS, I CAN USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO THEIR MAXIMUM...

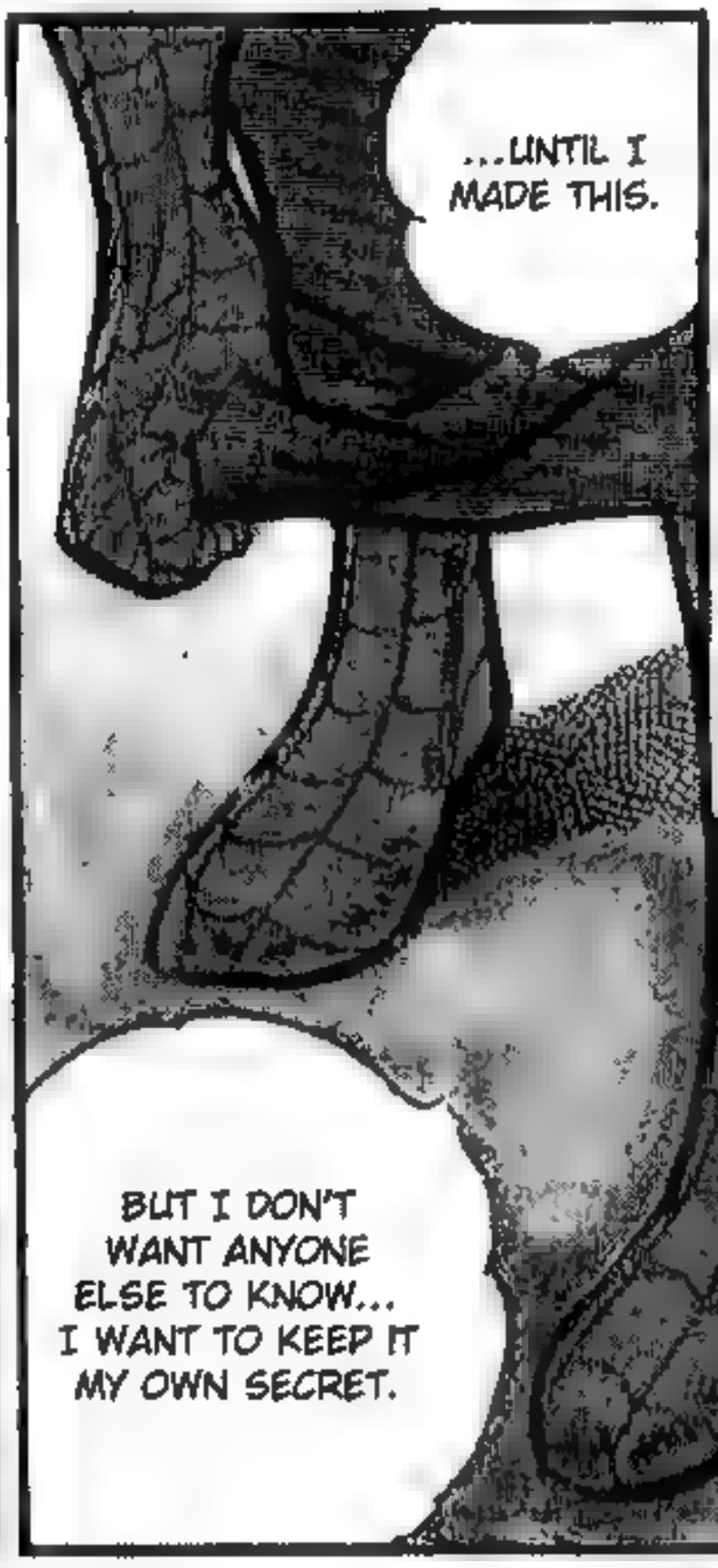
...I SUCCEEDED IN SYNTHESIZING HIGH-VISCOSITY WEB FLUID, WHICH WILL BE THE BASE FOR MY SPIDER STRING!

AND FINALLY...

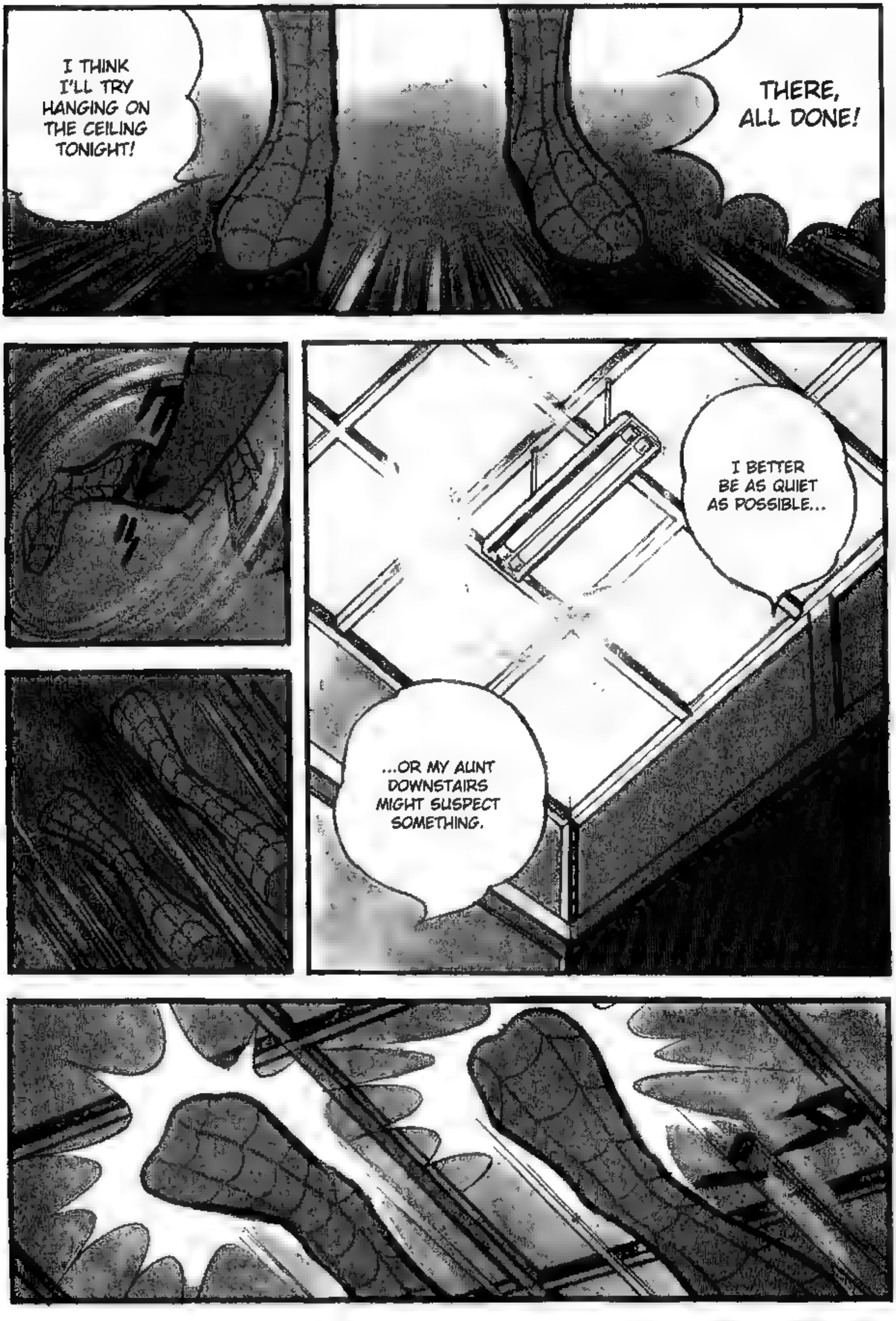
AFTER THAT... HEHEHE... WELL, I'M NOT GONNA PRETEND I'M SUPERMAN..
BUT I MADE AN OUTFIT...

AT LEAST, I DIDN'T KNOW...
I HAD NO IDEA THAT SEWING WAS THIS HARD!

AT ANY RATE, ...
...WHEN I WEAR THIS, I FEEL LIKE I'M NOT THE GUY I USED TO BE!


...UNTIL I MADE THIS.
BUT I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO KNOW... I WANT TO KEEP IT MY OWN SECRET.

OH, CRAP!
IT COULD'VE BEEN DONE A LOT BETTER IF I'D ASKED MY AUNT TO SEW THIS FOR ME...


I THINK I'LL TRY HANGING ON THE CEILING TONIGHT!
THERE, ALL DONE!
I BETTER BE AS QUIET AS POSSIBLE...
...OR MY AUNT DOWNSTAIRS MIGHT SUSPECT SOMETHING.

THIS MASK IS PRETTY WELL-DESIGNED, IF I SAY SO MYSELF...

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...IT REALLY FEELS LIKE I'VE BECOME A SPIDER..

WHEN I'M LIKE THIS...

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO USE IT..?

BUT THIS SUPERPOWER.. MAY BE PRETTY AMAZING FOR ME...

...I'M A LITTLE SCARED ABOUT HOW MUCH POWER I HAVE...

TO BE PERFECTLY FRANK, ...

BUT I CAN'T JUST KEEP ENJOYING IT IN MY HOUSE EVERY DAY.

I'M CHANGING... GOTTA FIND CLOTHES! AH! WELCOME HOME!

H-HOLD ON A SEC!

YU?

D-DID MY AUNT NOTICE?

FROM YOUR PEN PAL...

BUT THERE'S A LETTER FOR YOU.

OH, GOOD. YOU'RE STILL AWAKE.

I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THIS...

YOU CAN'T GO WRECKING YOUR BODY!

YES!

WELL, GOOD NIGHT!

BUT IT'S REALLY COLD TONIGHT, YU, SO WHY DON'T YOU STOP STUDYING AND GET SOME REST?

OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

EVERY TIME I GET A LETTER FROM RUMI, I FEEL LIKE IT'S GREAT TO BE ALIVE. HEHE...

MY BELOVED FRIEND...

28 South
Yamabe,
Furano
City,
Hokkaido
Shiraishi
Rumiko

PHEW ---

OH, SO THEY HAVE A LOT OF SNOW UP IN HOKKAIDO... HMM!?

SHE WANTS TO MEET ME AT UENO STATION ON THE 20TH...

.....

RUMI'S COMING TO TOKYO!?

WHAT FOR?

AND THE 20TH'S TOMORROW! MAN, I REALLY WANNA SEE HER!

A-AMAZING! I CAN FINALLY MEET RUMI, WHO I'VE ONLY SEEN IN PICTURES!

Shinjuku,
Tokyo

...BUT I THINK I'LL GO EARLY AND WAIT FOR HER!

THERE'S STILL TIME BEFORE WE SAID WE'D MEET UP...

BANK!

丸菱銀行

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN IN THAT BANK!?

WHAT'S GOING ON!?

SIGN: MARUBISHI BANK.

FREEZE OR WE'LL SHOOT!

FREEZE!

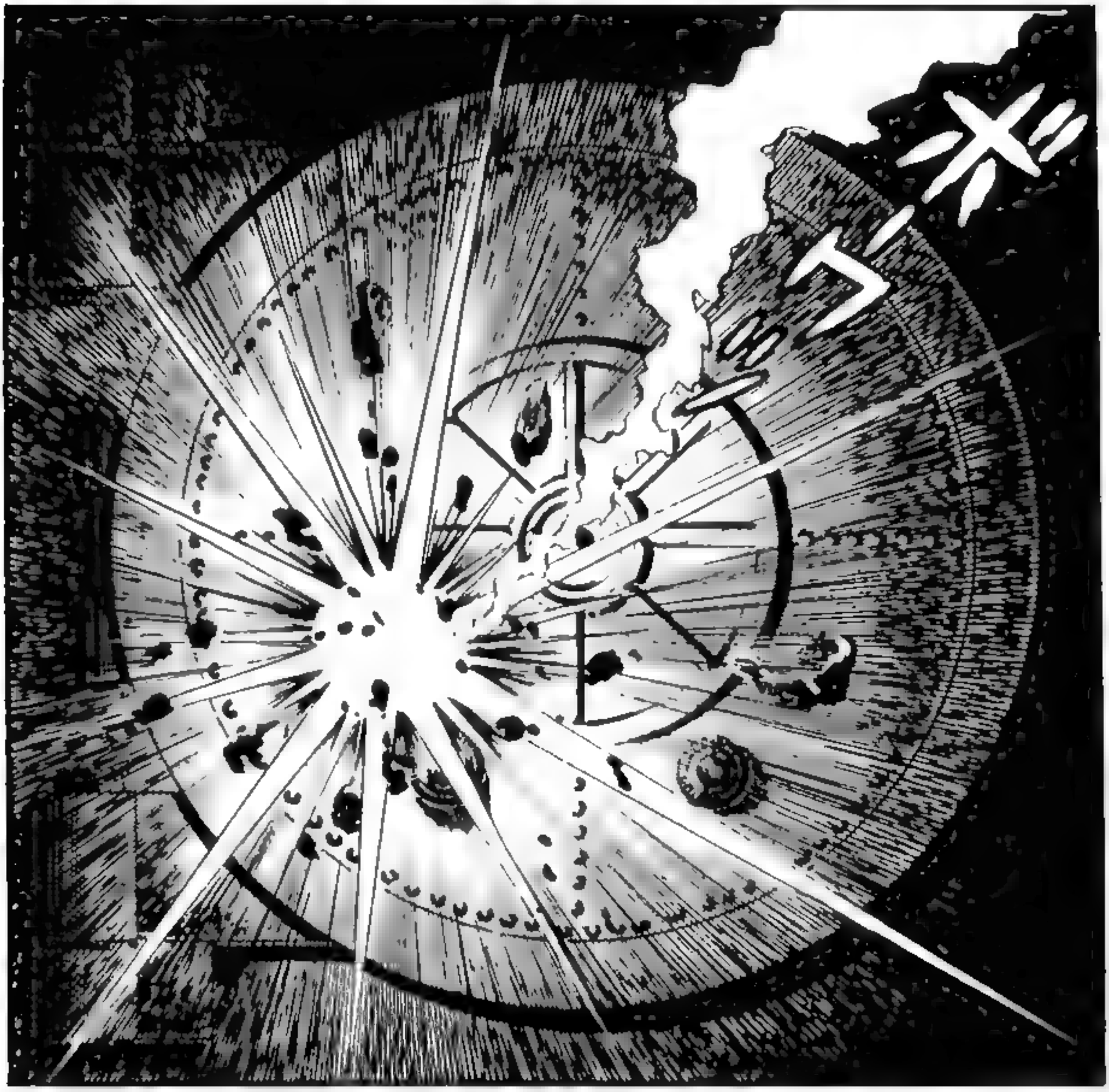
VAULT ROOM

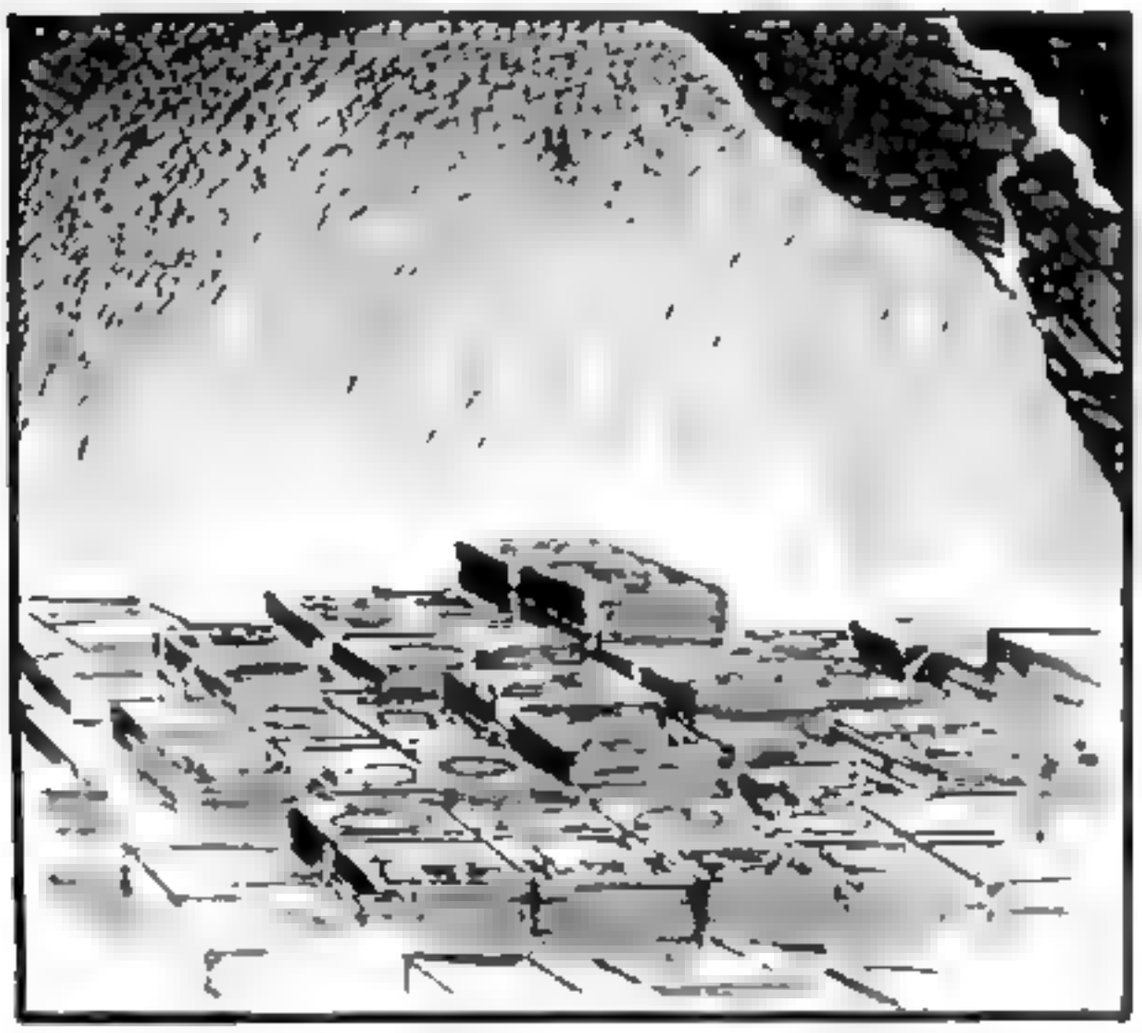
AAAAA AHH !!!

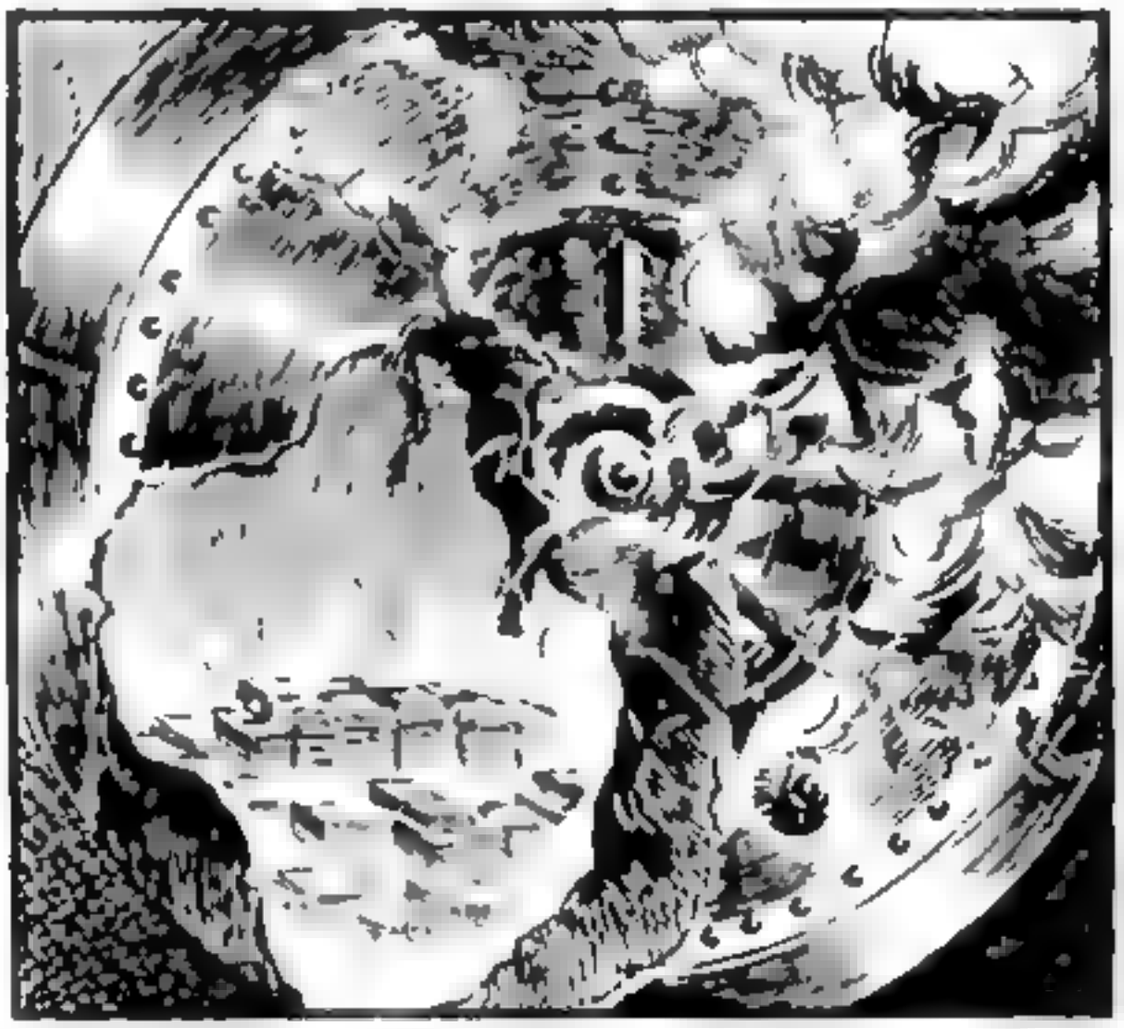
HEHEHEHE ...

A-AWAWAWA...

I'M SORRY, BUT THIS COSTUME OF MINE...







E-ELECTRIC MAN..!?

CALL ME THE ELECTRIC MAN ELECTRO ...

...CAN EASILY BREAK OPEN ANY VAULT.

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SIGN: MARUBISHI BANK.

AIEEEEEE!

WOAH!

W-WHO'S HE!?

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BLAM!

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N-NO...
H-HE DEFINITELY
S-SHOT LIGHTNING
OUT OF HIS
H-HANDS...

ARE WE
DREAMING
..?

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HE SHOT LIGHTING OUT OF HIS HANDS AND DESTROYED THE VAULT DOOR!

HE'S A HUMAN GENERATOR!

SHUT UP! IT'S TRUE, AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT!

T-THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! IT MUST'VE BEEN A TRICK!

REPORT TO THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HAVE THEM DEPLOY ALL STATIONS IMMEDIATELY!

SET UP AN EMERGENCY GUARD NET AROUND TOKYO!

B-BUT...

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HE IS A MON-STER!!!

WE AREN'T EVEN READY TO PURSUE HIM..!

D-DAMMIT!

THAT'S HOW POWERFUL HIS LIGHTNING IS...

...JUST LOOK AT THAT PATROL CAR!

AND HE JUST SHOT LIGHTNING OUT OF HIS FINGERTIPS...

HE JUST DESTROYED THAT PATROL CAR IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...

THE ELECTRIC MAN ELECTRO..!?

RIDICULOUS!

DOESN'T THAT MAKE HIM SOME KINDA CYBORG!?

HE'S GOT LIGHTNING FLOWING THROUGH HIS BODY!?

.....

BUT IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED ...

THAT KINDA THING'S NOT POSSIBLE!

UP UNTIL NOW, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT MONSTROUS HUMANS LIKE THAT ACTUALLY EXISTED...

A CYBORG ...

...I FEEL LIKE THEY CAN...

BUT NOW...

THERE MUST BE OTHER PEOPLE WITH SUPERPOWERS LIKE ME...

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...HE MUST HAVE A SUPERPOWER..

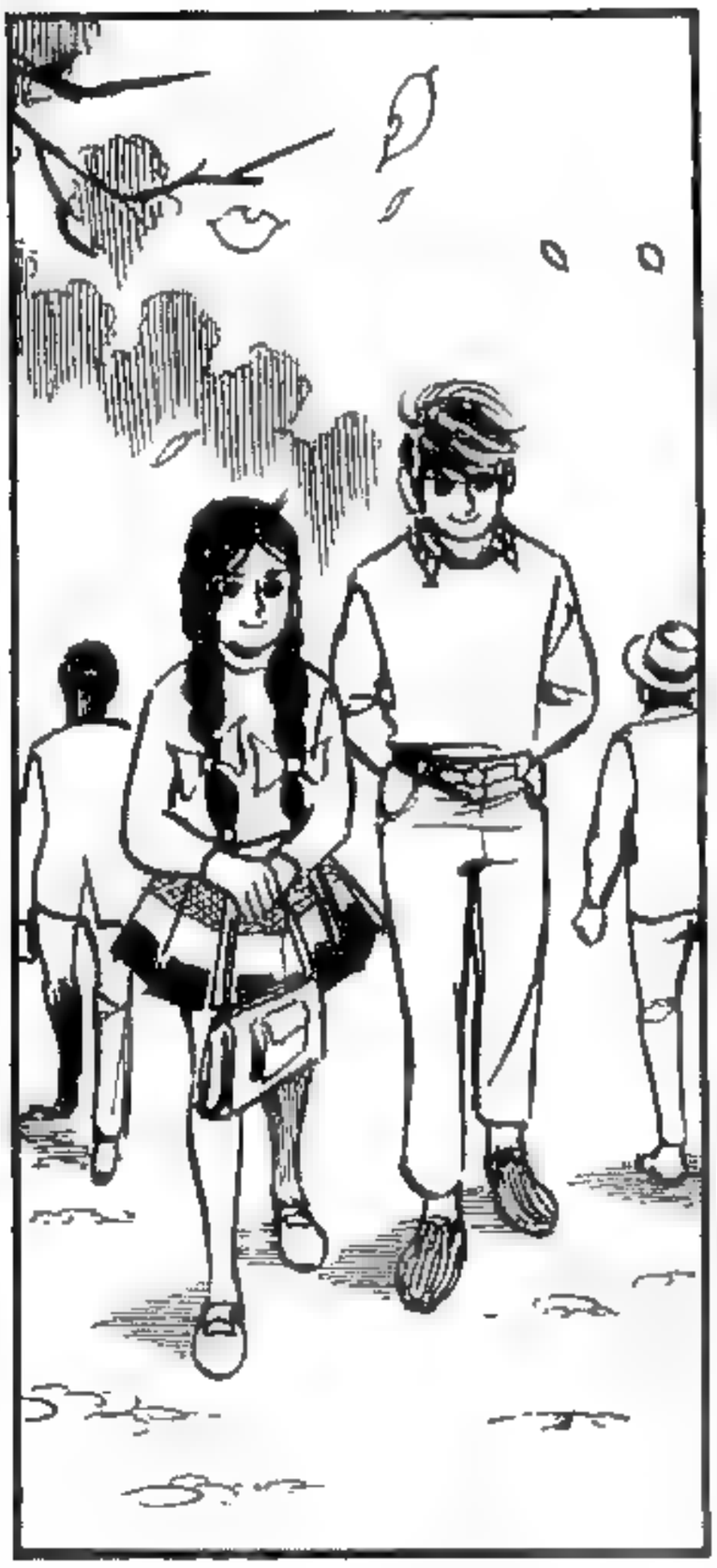
AND IF THERE ARE...

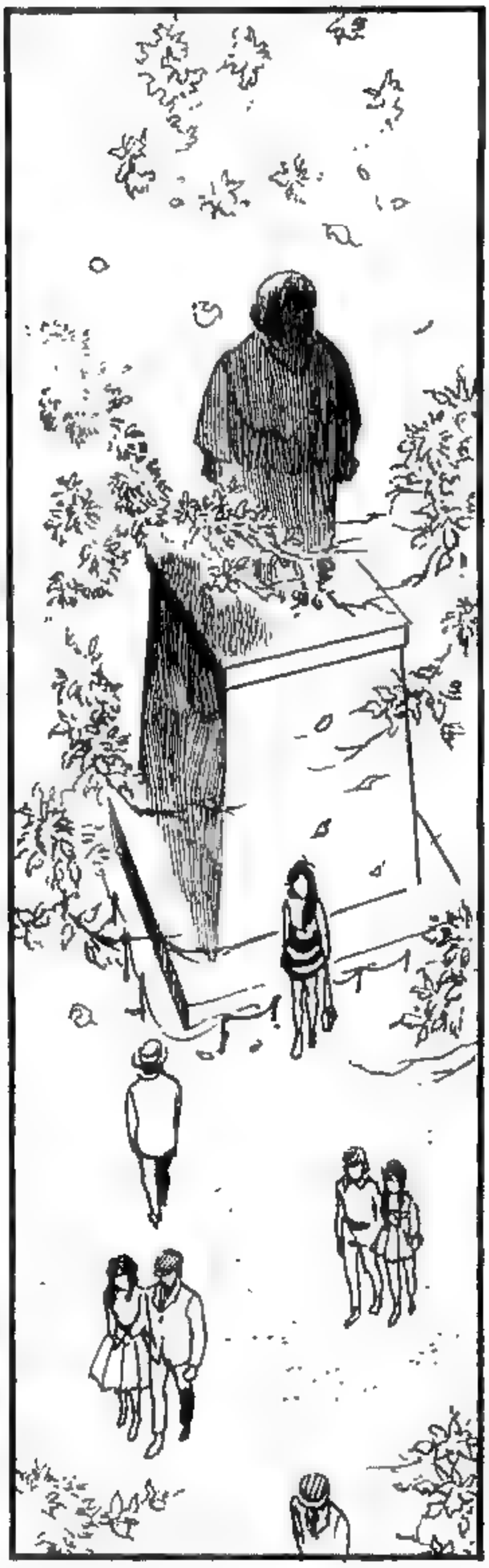
...I GOTTA GO QUICK. RUMI'S WAITING...

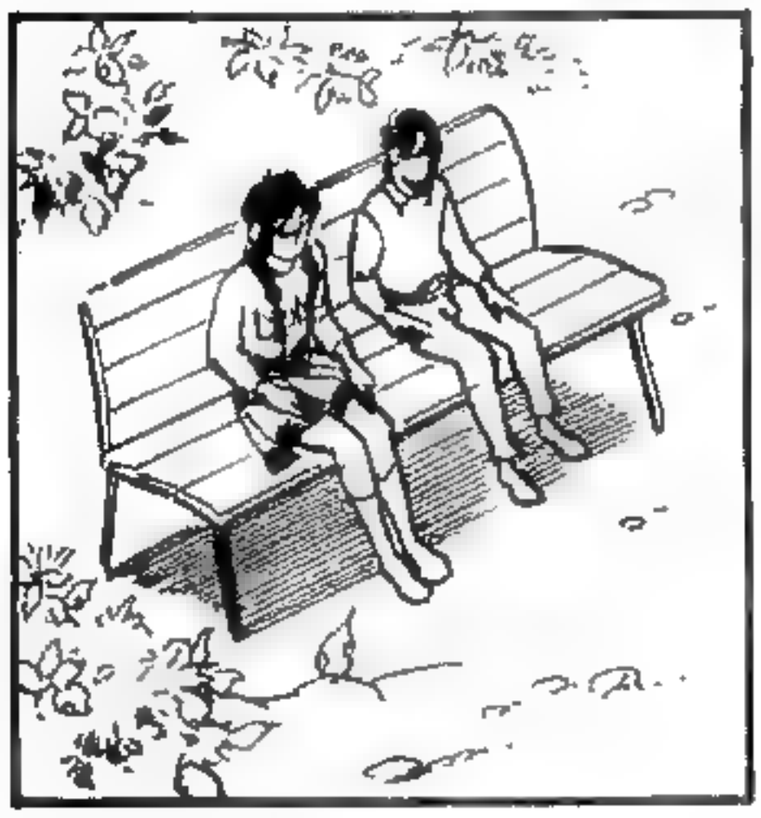
BUT ANYWAY...

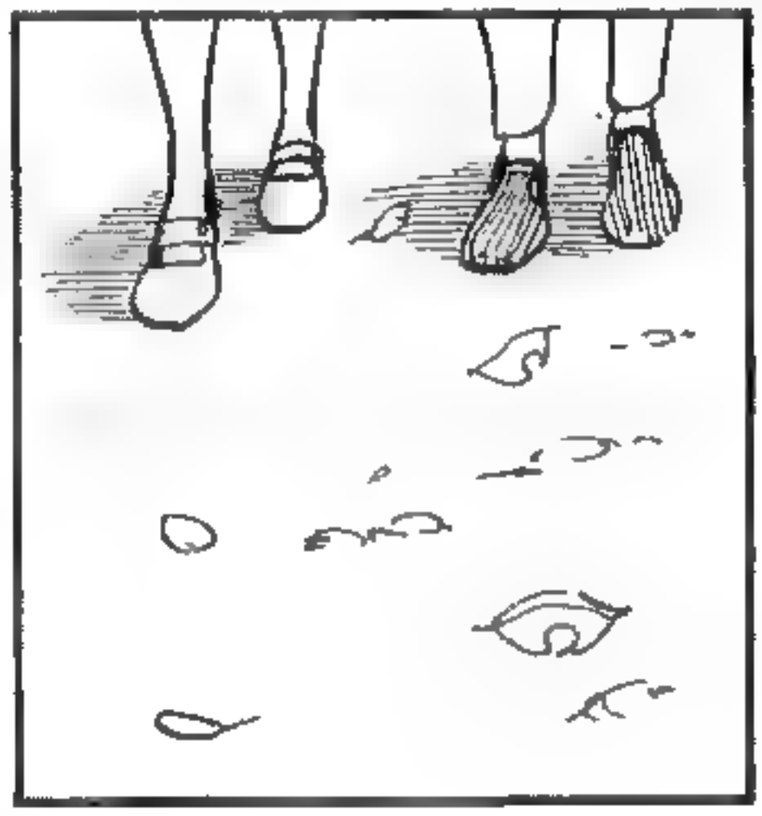
AND IF IT IS, I CAN MAKE SURE WHETHER HE'S A CYBORG OR NOT.

EITHER WAY, THIS INCIDENT WILL BE ALL OVER THE NEWS...









OH, YU...

...RUMI, I WAS JUST SO SURPRISED. YOU'RE A LOT PRETTIER THAN YOU WERE IN YOUR PICTURES...

I KNOW THIS IS QUICK, BUT I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU...

HUH?

YU...

YOU SEEM A LITTLE TIRED...

WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

YES.

YOUR BROTHER?

...WILL YOU HELP ME FIND MY BROTHER!?

THIS IS A PHOTO OF MY BROTHER.

SO WHEN DID YOUR BROTHER GO MISSING?

ABOUT HALF A YEAR AGO...

HALF A YEAR AGO, I GOT A POSTCARD FROM HIM SAYING HE QUIT HIS JOB AT A COMPANY IN KAWASAKI...

I'M REALLY SORRY. I DON'T KNOW MY WAY AROUND TOKYO.

SO THAT'S WHY I WAS COUNTING ON YOU TO HELP ME.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'LL HELP YOU DO ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN'T!

AND HE HASN'T CONTACTED ME EVER SINCE!

AND NOW I HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL MY BROTHER..

THANK YOU!

ALRIGHT, THEN! LET'S GO TO KAWASAKI!

AH! I THINK THAT'S IT!

SHOULDN'T HIS COMPANY BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE..?

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トーヨー自動車

SIGN: TOYO ACE.
SIGN: TOYO AUTOMOBILES.

YES!

DON'T YOU WORRY, RUMI. THERE'S GOTTA BE AT LEAST ONE PERSON THAT KNOWS WHERE YOUR BROTHER WENT!

REPAIR WORKSHOP

OFFICE

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I'M SORRY, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHERE MY BROTHER IS?

HE WAS GOOD AT REPAIRS, TOO! I HAVE NO IDEA WHY HE QUIT!

I KNOW SHIRAISHI! HE WAS A HARD WORKER, AND WE WORKED HERE FOR TWO YEARS TOGETHER!

A RACER?

AT THE FUJI SPEEDWAY! I TRIED TO STOP HIM, BUT HE SAID HE WANTED TO BE A RACER...

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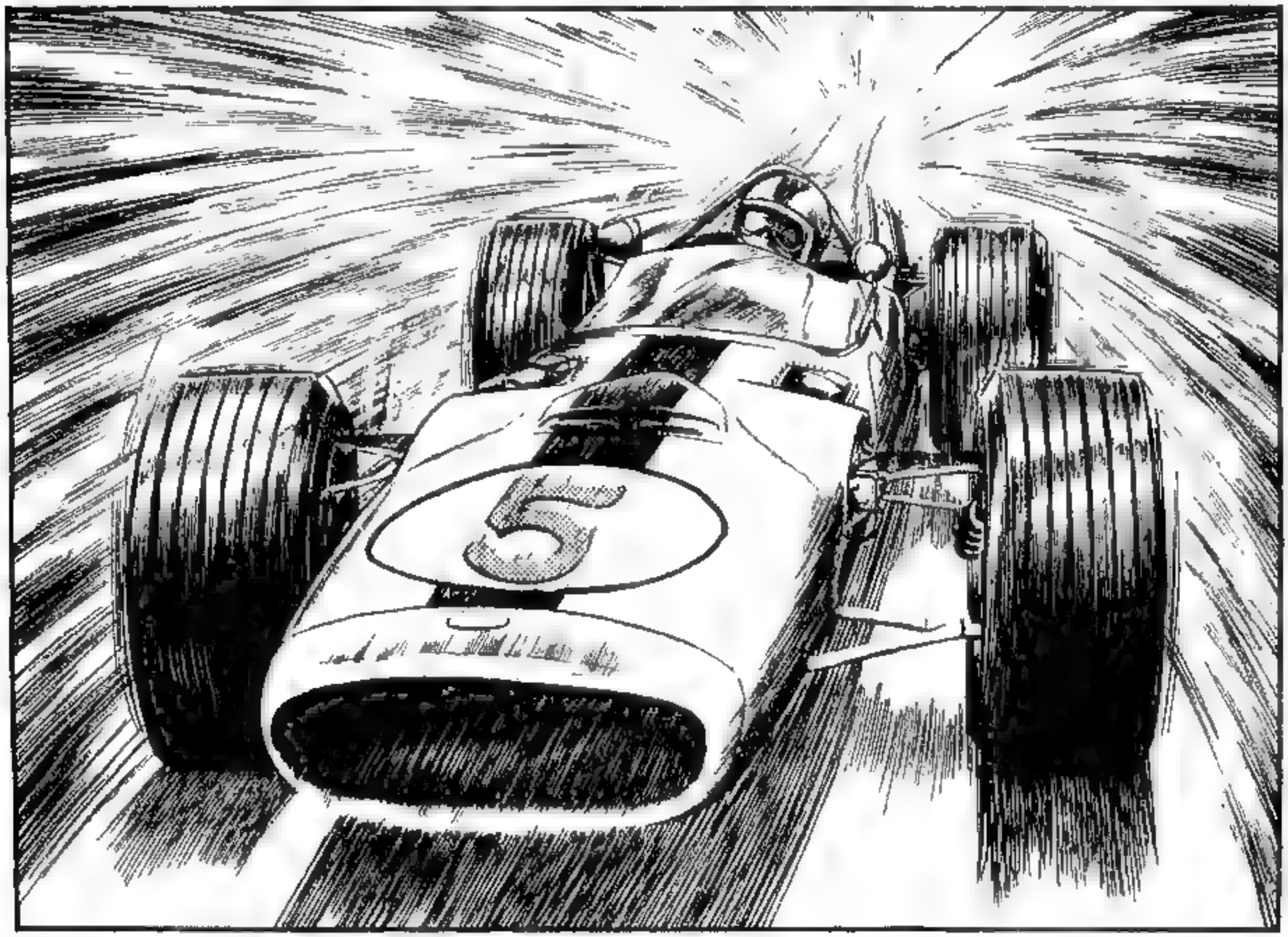
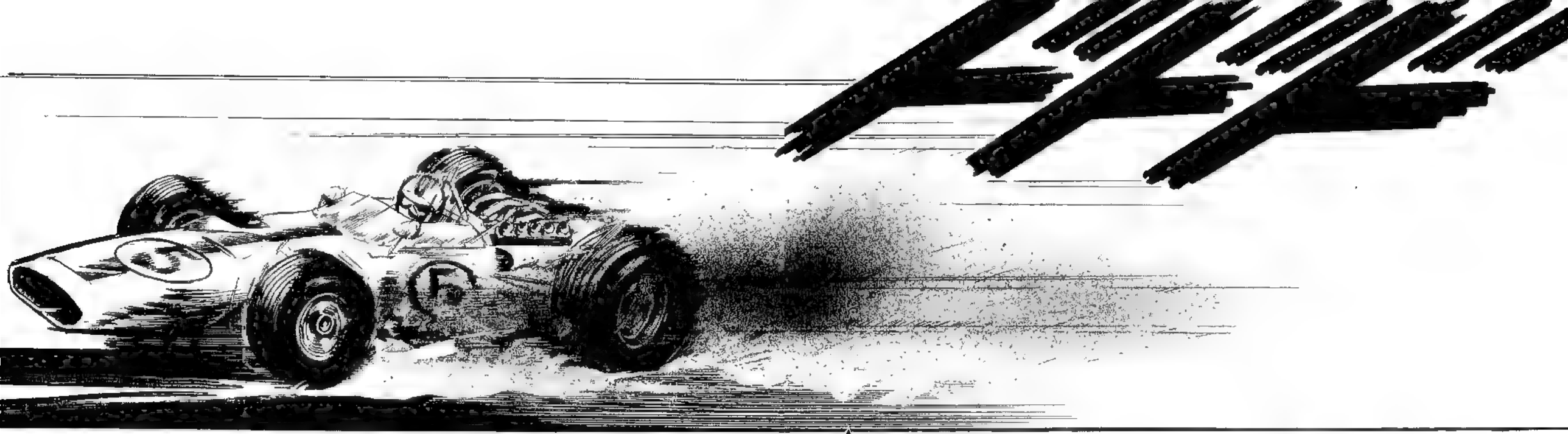
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!





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WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

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HE QUIT BEING A MAINTENANCE MAN THREE MONTHS AGO TO BECOME A BOXER..?

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SO, WHERE'S HIS GYM?

A-AMAZING ..!

OH, HIM.. HEHEHE ...

SHIRA-ISHI?

NO! KEEP A TIGHTER GUARD!

HE REALLY HUSTLED, AND SAID HE WANTED TO AT LEAST GET UP TO FOUR ROUNDS, BUT HE WENT GROGGY AFTER JUST A MONTH.

WHERE HE WENT?

SO DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE WENT!?

THAT'S RIGHT...

H-HE QUIT!?

OH, YOU SAID YOU SAW SHIRAISHI RECENTLY, DIDN'T YOU..?

NO IDEA..

HEY, TO! YOU KNOW WHERE HE WENT?

JAZZ LOUNGE!?

YEAH. HE SAID HE WAS WORKING AT SOME JAZZ LOUNGE IN SHINJUKU CALLED TRAP CELA.

...AND THOSE WHO CAN'T ENDURE THE TRAINING CAN'T KEEP UP.

BOXING'S A PRETTY TOUGH SPORT...

SIGN: JAPAN BOXING GYM
SIGN: COME IN, ALL YOUNG MEN FULL OF FIGHT!

...YEAH.

WELL, LET'S JUST GO TO THIS TRAP CELA.

SIGN: TRAP CELA.

THIS PLACE ALMOST FEELS LIKE A CELLAR!

AND HOW ARE YOU RELATED TO SHIRAISHI!?

EEK!

TCH!

YU!

I-I'M JUST A FRIEND!

...BUT THAT KID RAN OFF WITH ALL OUR PROFITS FROM THE PAST HALF A YEAR!

HMPF... I HIRED HIM 'CAUSE HE COULD PLAY THE SAX...

NEXT TIME YOU SEE SHIRAISHI, TELL HIM THAT THE MANAGER OF TRAP CELA'S GONNA KILL HIM!

BROTHER ...

WHY WOULD HE STEAL..?

WHY WOULD MY BROTHER ...

RUMI...

.....

SOB...
SOB...

WAAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAH!

.....

BROTHER
...

...SO HOW DID THIS HAPPEN..?

HE WAS SUCH A HARD WORKER AT HIS COMPANY IN KAWASAKI...

I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

SHE KNEW ABOUT IT BEFORE, BUT SHE KEPT PRESSING HERSELF...

SO I WANTED...

OUR MOTHER'S IN THE HOSPITAL FROM A HEART DISEASE...

.....

...I HAVE A LOT TO DISCUSS WITH HIM...

AND ...

...TO TELL MY BROTHER THAT...

...IS THE HOSPITAL FEE WHAT YOU WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH HIM?

RUMI...

I COULD PROBABLY HELP YOU OUT!

HOW MUCH ARE THE HOSPITAL FEES, RUMI?

MY BROTHER'S THE ONLY PERSON I CAN ASK ABOUT MONEY.

I DO HAVE A BIT OF MONEY SAVED UP!

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I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT MY BROTHER...
THANK YOU, YU... BUT THE HOSPITAL FEE'S NOT MUCH OF A PROBLEM..

A MILLION YEN!?

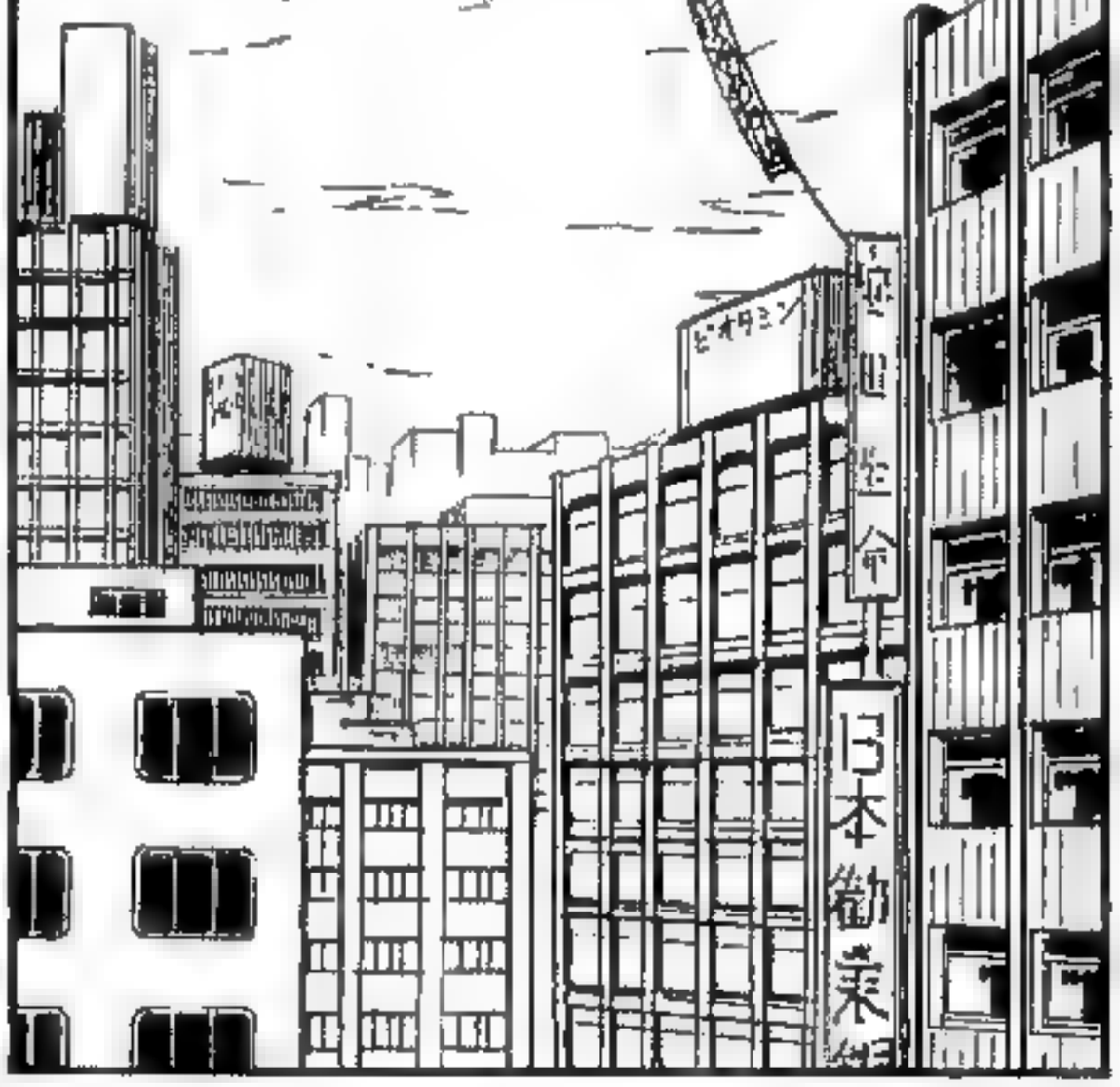
IF ONLY I COULD SOMEHOW MAKE A MILLION YEN...
IF ONLY I COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT MONEY...

AND AS THINGS ARE, I DON'T THINK YOU CAN COUNT ON YOUR BROTHER...
NO, A MILLION YEN IS A LOT!

...The incident with the monster Electro, presumed by scientists to be a cyborg...

BANK ROBBER ATTACKS WITH FEARSOME ELECTRICITY!

One week later...



This is the Joho Newspaper Corp-oration.

...was now being talked about all over Japan.

OH, YOU'RE KOMORI RYU FROM OTOWA HIGH, AREN'T YOU?

HELLO?

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HURRY IT UP! WE HAVE TO MAKE THE EVENING PAPER!

...BUT I COMPLETELY FORGOT TO PAY YOU!

SORRY ABOUT THAT. I ASKED YOU TO GO COVER YOUR HIGH SCHOOL'S SCIENCE EXPERIMENT, ...

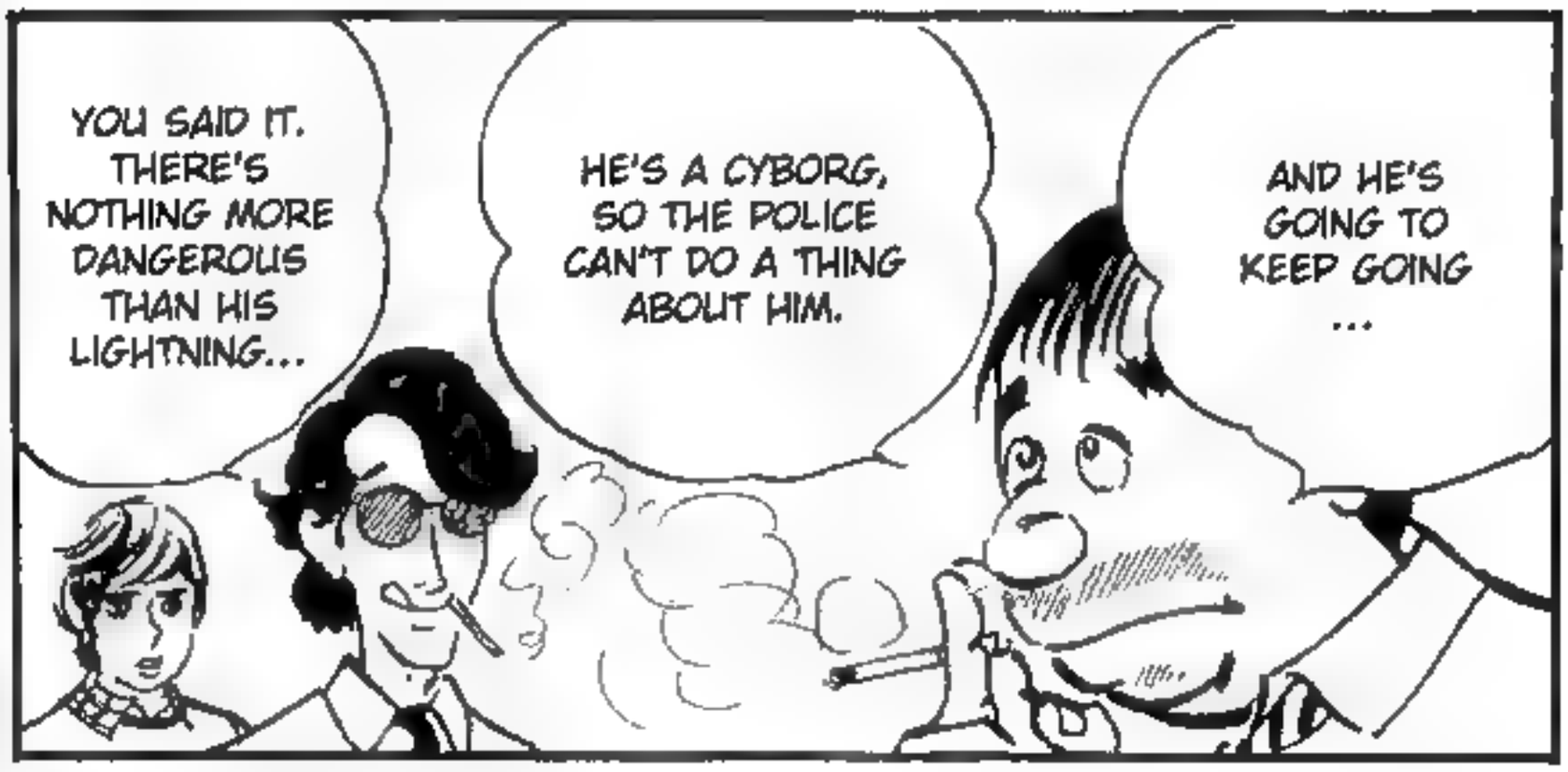
OVER A BILLION YEN!

YEAH, BUT DID YOU HEAR HOW MUCH MONEY ELECTRO ROBBED FROM BANKS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS?

GUESS NOT EVEN SOMEONE THAT ROBBED THREE HUNDRED MILLION SEEMS LIKE MUCH COMPARED TO THAT.

YEAH...

THAT SAID, YOU SEEM PRETTY DOWN.


YOU SAID IT. THERE'S NOTHING MORE DANGEROUS THAN HIS LIGHTNING...
HE'S A CYBORG, SO THE POLICE CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT HIM.
AND HE'S GOING TO KEEP GOING ...

WELL, I'D RATHER NOT BE BURNED TO A CRISP!
I WISH SOMEONE WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM.
THERE ARE SOME CRITICS SAYING THAT ELECTRO IS A REFLECTION OF MODERN SOCIETY!

YES, BOSS!
HEY, YOU!

ELECTRO...

WE'LL PRESENT A PRIZE OF A MILLION YEN TO WHOEVER CAPTURES THE ELECTRIC MAN ELECTRO! THIS EVENING EDITION'S GOING TO BE GOOD!
AH, YES, OF COURSE!

...GAVE US A GREAT HEADLINE!
I SUPPOSE I DON'T NEED TO SAY THIS, BUT THAT ARTICLE YOU WROTE...

MILLION YEN PRIZE FROM THE JOHO NEWSPAPER!! CHALLENGE ELECTRO! COME FORTH, SUPERHEROES!

A MILLION YEN!?

YOU SAID IT. BUT IN MY OPINION...

THIS HAS GOTTEN QUITE SERIOUSLY!

TETSU TERI

FUJIHARA KOTATSU

DON'T YOU THINK SO? THIS THIEF'S A MONSTER THAT NOT EVEN THE POLICE CAN CATCH!

...I THINK THIS NEWSPAPER COMPANY ISN'T FAIR AT ALL.

IS YU STILL STUDYING?

YEAH, BUT HE ASKED ME NOT TO COME INTO HIS ROOM...

THEY ALREADY KNEW THAT NO ONE'S GOING TO RECEIVE THE MILLION YEN!

IN OTHER WORDS, THIS ARTICLE'S AN UNFAIR WAY OF INCREASING THEIR SALES!

HOW ARE ORDINARY CITIZENS SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT HIM?

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MILLION YEN PRIZE! CHALLENGE ELECTRO, SUPERHEROES!

IF ONLY I HAD THAT MUCH, I COULD HELP RUMI. AND... I'LL BET MY AUNT WOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT IT.

A MILLION YEN..!

WHAT DO I DO?

ARE MY SUPERPOWERS ENOUGH TO FACE THAT CYBORG'S POWER..?

BUT CAN I REALLY WIN AGAINST ELECTRO'S LIGHTNING..?

RUMI'S GOING HOME..!?

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, MA'AM. I'M THINKING OF GOING HOME TO HOKKAIDO TOMORROW.

RUMI, WAIT! CAN YOU PLEASE STAY A LITTLE BIT LONGER!?

HUH!?

RUMI, I CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR MOTHER'S HOSPITAL FEE!

YU..?

...I SWEAR...

I'LL DO SOMETHING...

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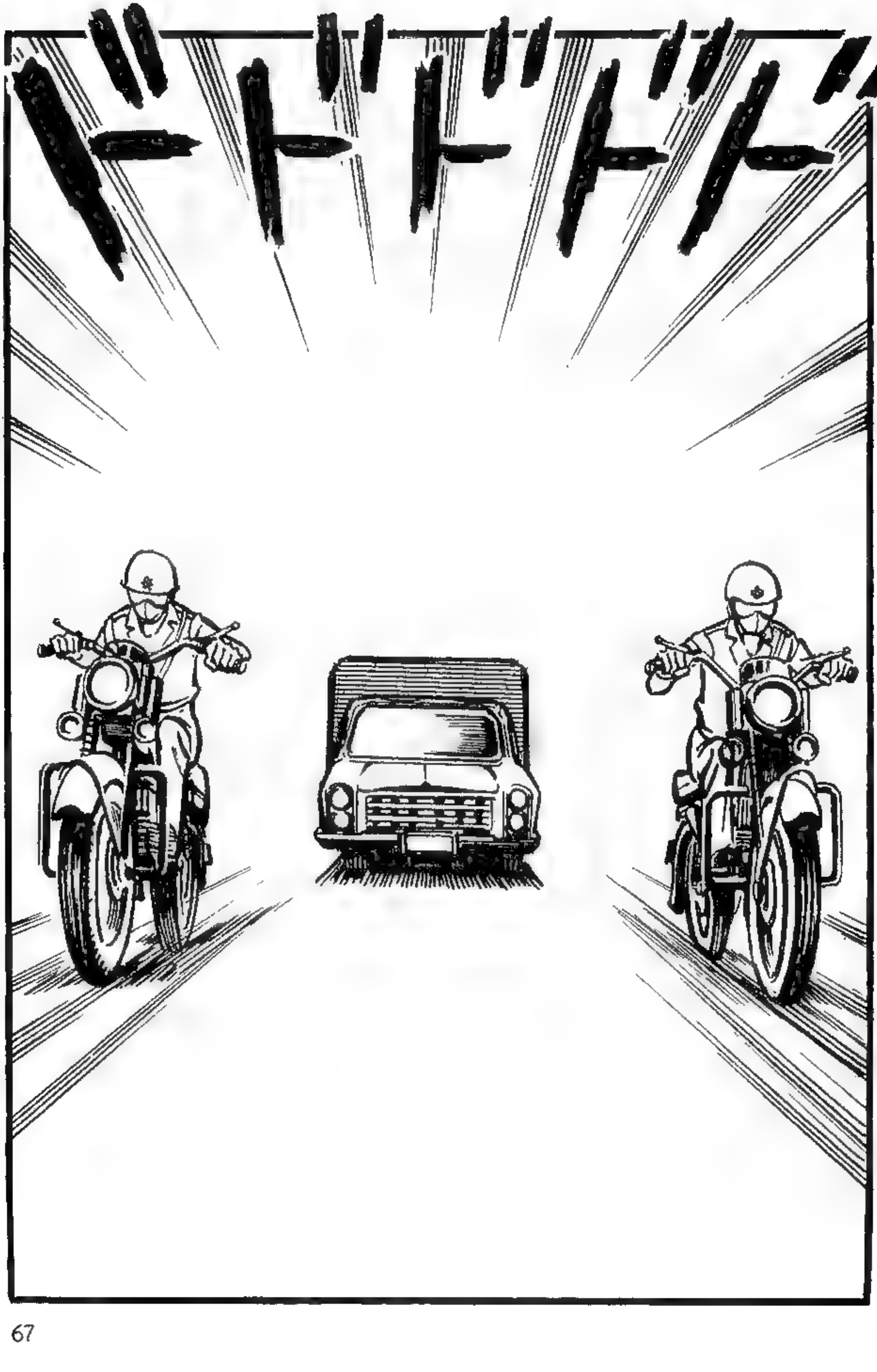
I'LL GET IT WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO!



STOP!

AIEE EEEE!

THE NEXT DAY YU MET ELECTRO WAS TWO OR THREE DAYS LATER.

IT'S ELECTRO!

THE TIME...
THE TIME'S FINALLY COME TO USE MY SUPERPOWERS...

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF...

I HAVE AN EVEN BETTER SUPERPOWER THAN HE DOES!

I... DECIDED THAT I'D DEFEAT HIM AND GET THE PRIZE MONEY FOR RUMI'S SAKE!

I HAVE TO DO IT QUICK...

W-WHY AM I TREMBLING!?

NOW, HAND OVER THE MONEY.

OH, CRAP! I CAN'T CHANGE HERE...

AIEEEE! THERE'S AN ELECTRO HERE TOO!!

WOAH!

W...WHO ARE YOU?

EXCUSE ME, LET ME THROUGH!

I'M NOT ELECTRO!

WHAT?

WHO ARE YOU?

T-THE HUMAN SPIDER.. NO...

I...I'M...

I'M SPIDER-MAN!

NOW THIS IS A SURPRISE...

SPIDER-MAN..?

I NEVER EXPECTED THERE WAS ANOTHER MONSTER LIKE ME.

JUST YOU TRY!!

AND I'M GUESSING YOU WANT TO CAPTURE ME... HEHEHE...

H...HE'S HANGING ON THE WALL!

AHHHHH! LOOK!

H-HE'S ANOTHER MONSTER!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

UNN-NGH!

I'LL KILL YOU!

I'D BETTER USE MY WEB FLUID QUICK, OR HE'LL TAKE ME OUT!

PHEW... THAT LIGHTNING ALMOST GOT ME...

ANYONE WHO INTERFERES WITH MY JOB...

...WILL BE KILLED!

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UNNGH!

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I HAVE ELECTROMAGNETS ON MY HANDS AND FEET MYSELF!

HUH?

NOW YOU CAN'T SHOOT YOUR LIGHTNING!

W-WHAT THE HELL? HE JUST SHOT SOME KIND OF SPIDER STRING!

D-DAMN!

AH! THEY'RE FALLING!

YEEE OW!!

MY NEXT ELECTRIC SHOCK WILL...

RIGHT THEN!

HMM..? HE DIDN'T DIE EVEN WHEN I GAVE HIM A SHOCK RIGHT TO HIS SKIN..?

WAIT!

HUH?

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WAAAAAAA-
AAAAAAUGH!

GYAAAAAA-
AAAAAAAH!

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NOW,
DON'T EVER THINK ABOUT COMING AFTER ME AGAIN, UNLESS YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE THOSE TWO.

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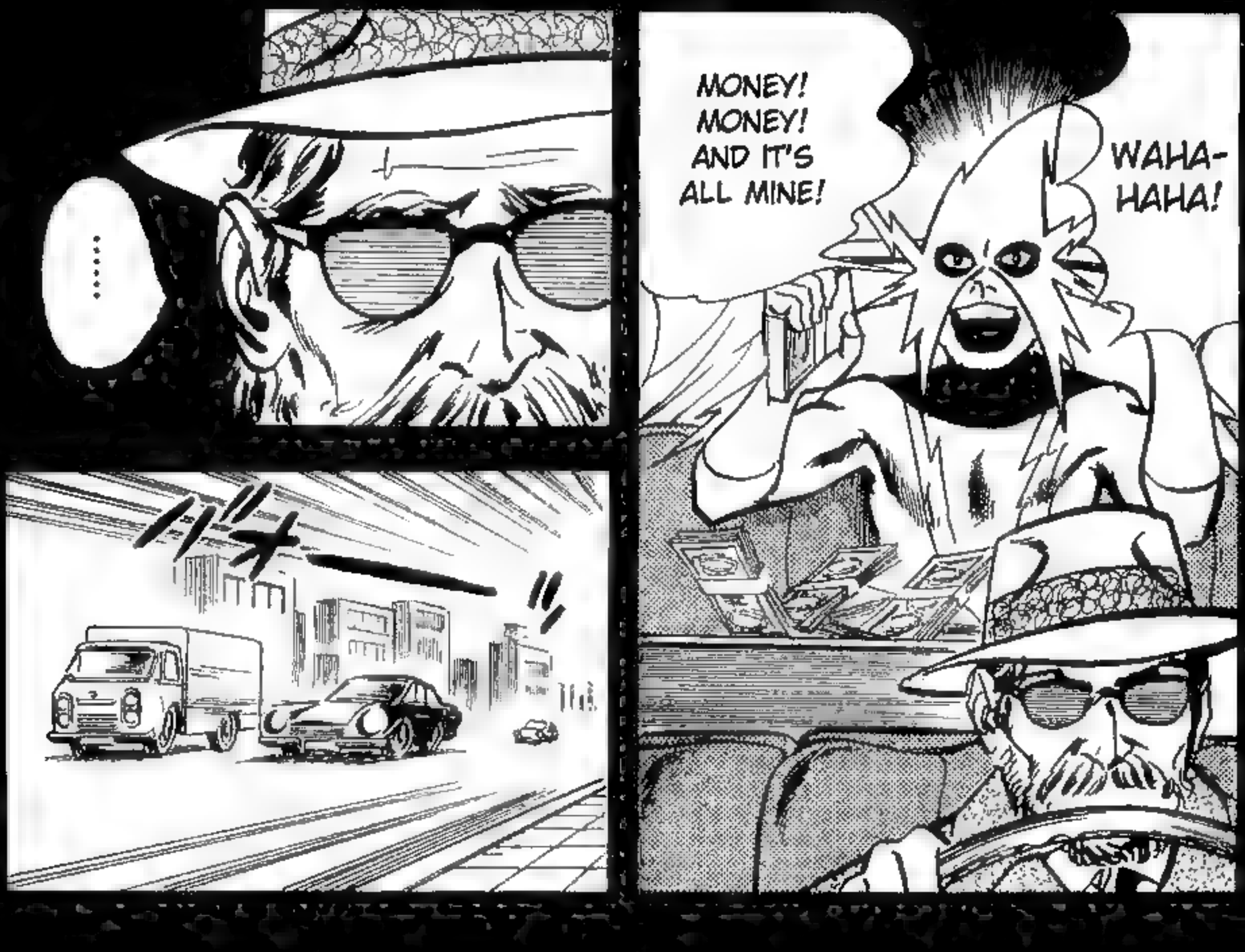
HE'S GOING TO STEAL THE MONEY...

T...THE MONEY...

WAHHAHAHAHA!

URRRGH...
D...DAMMIT!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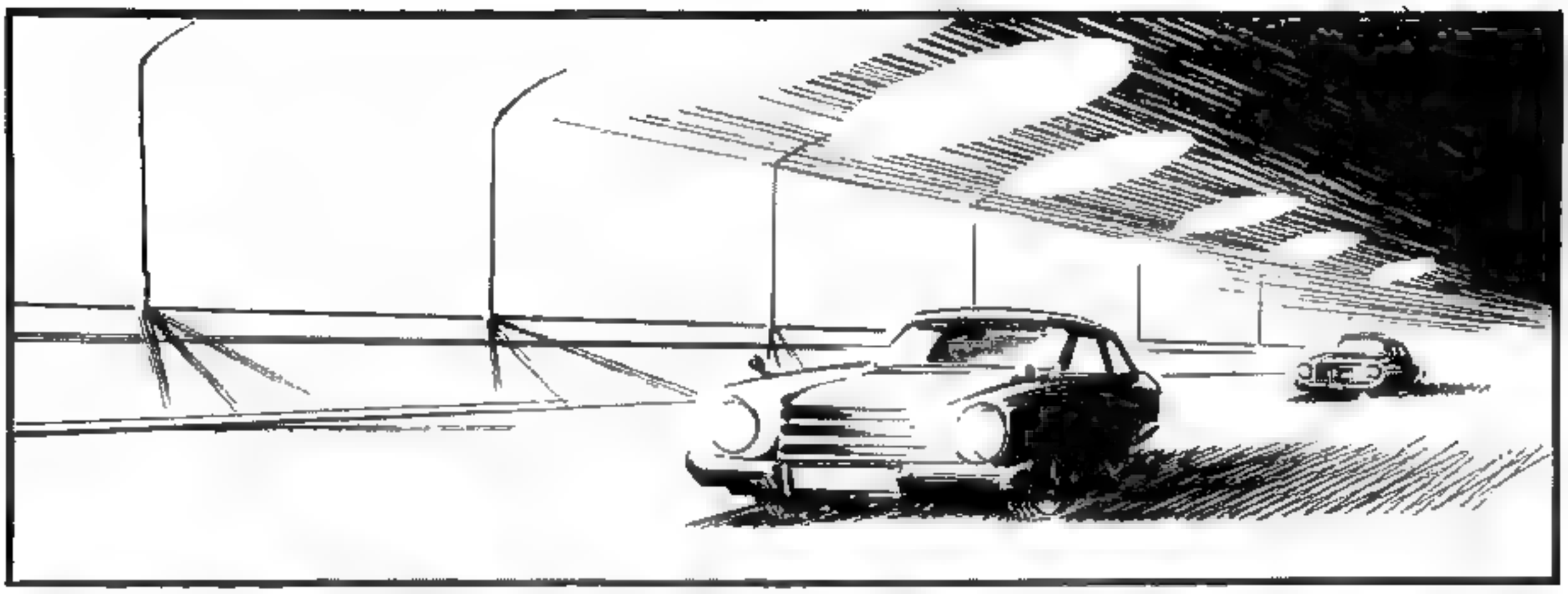

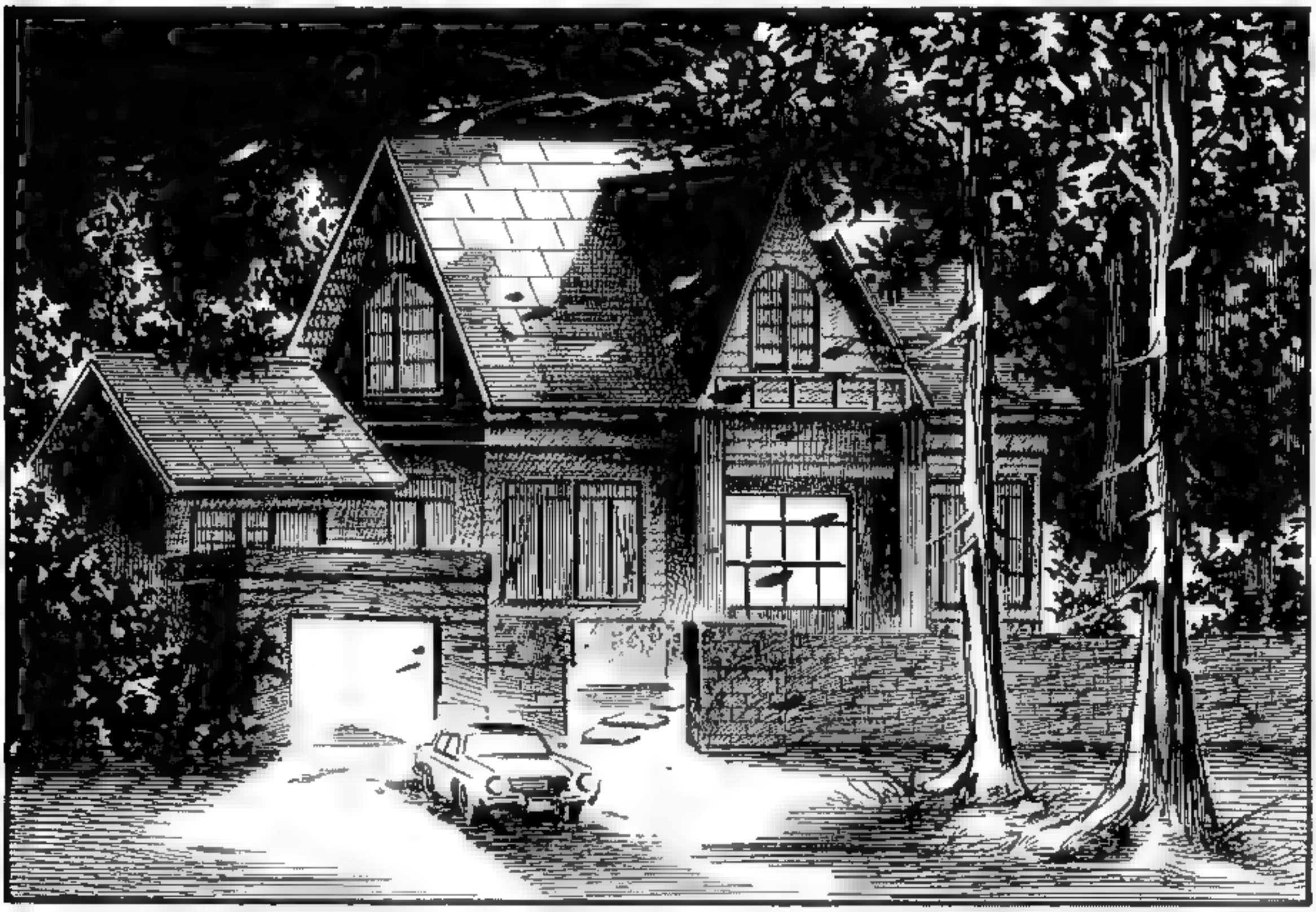

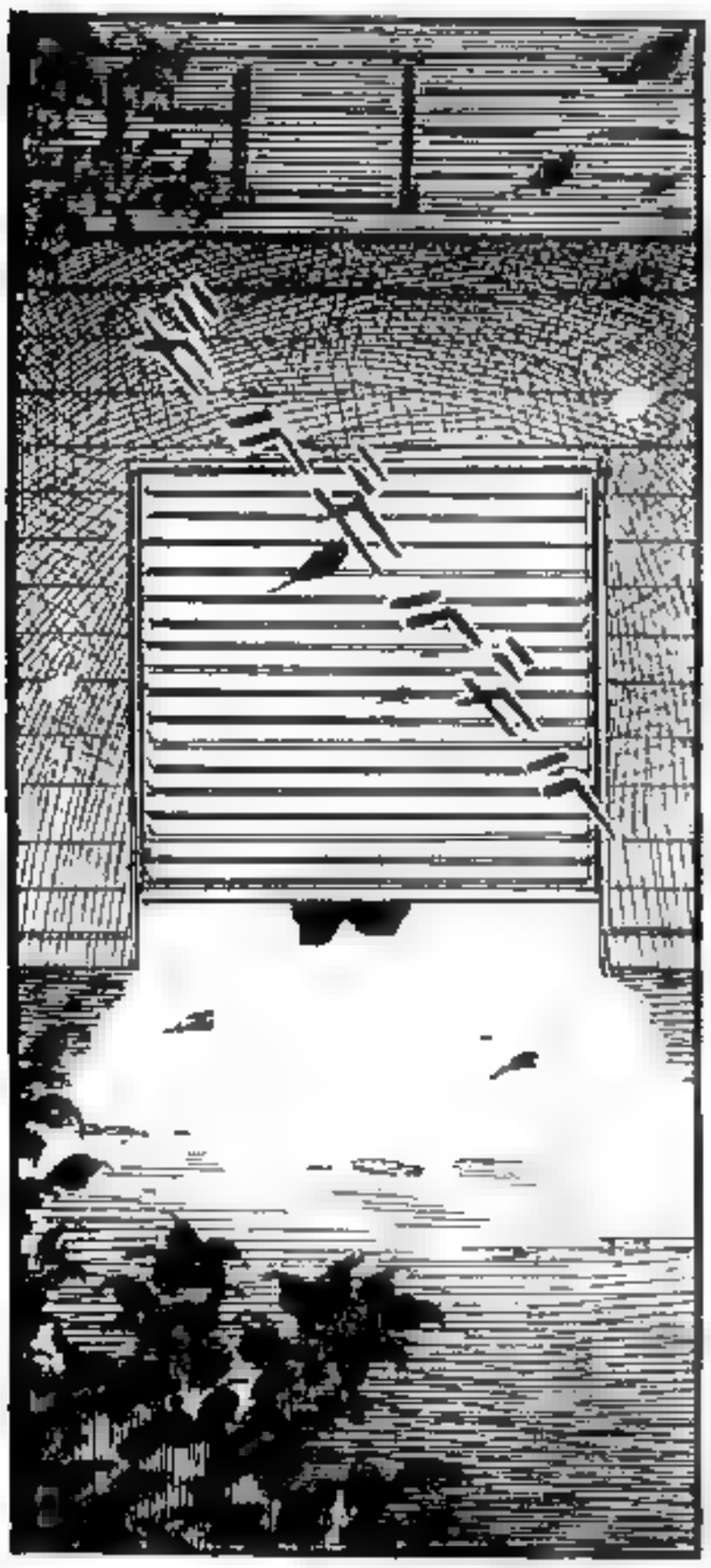

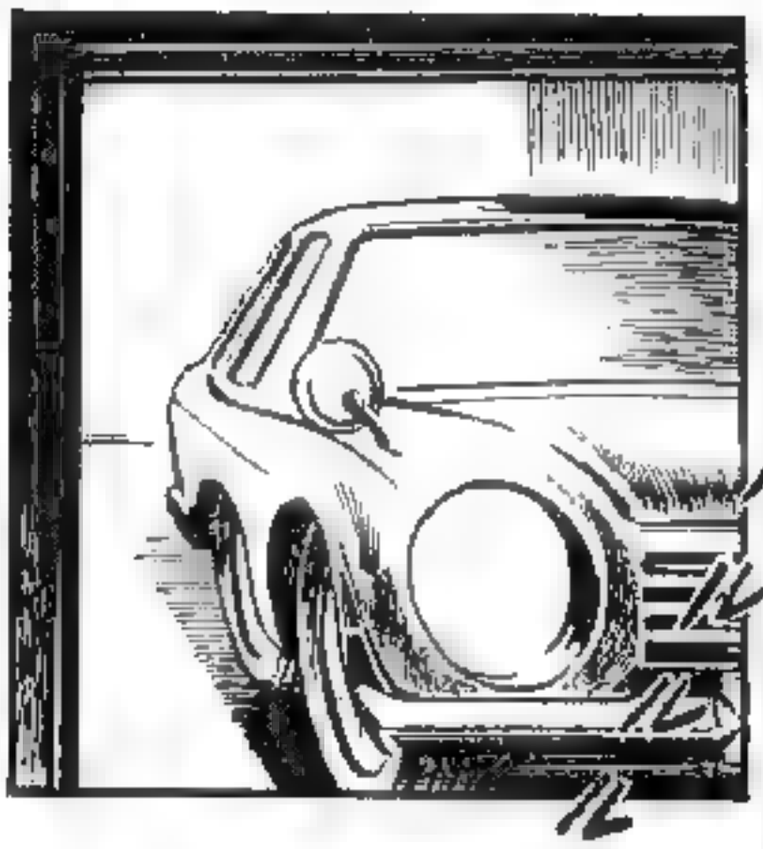

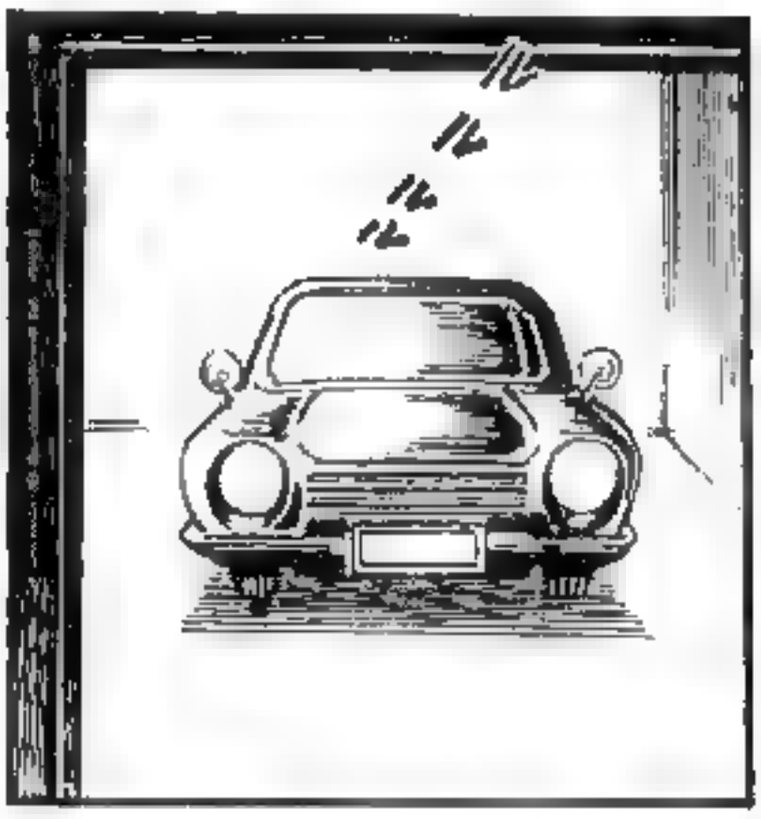

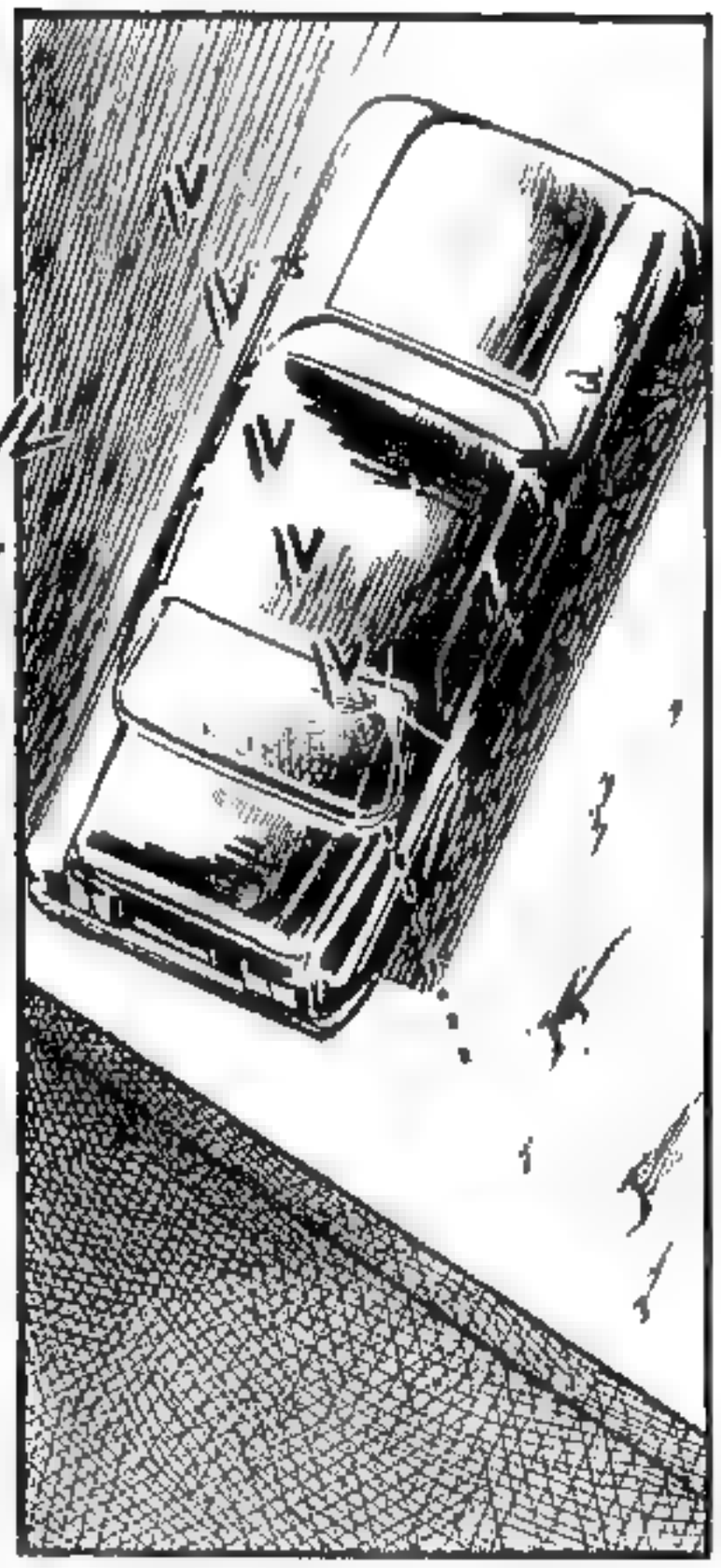

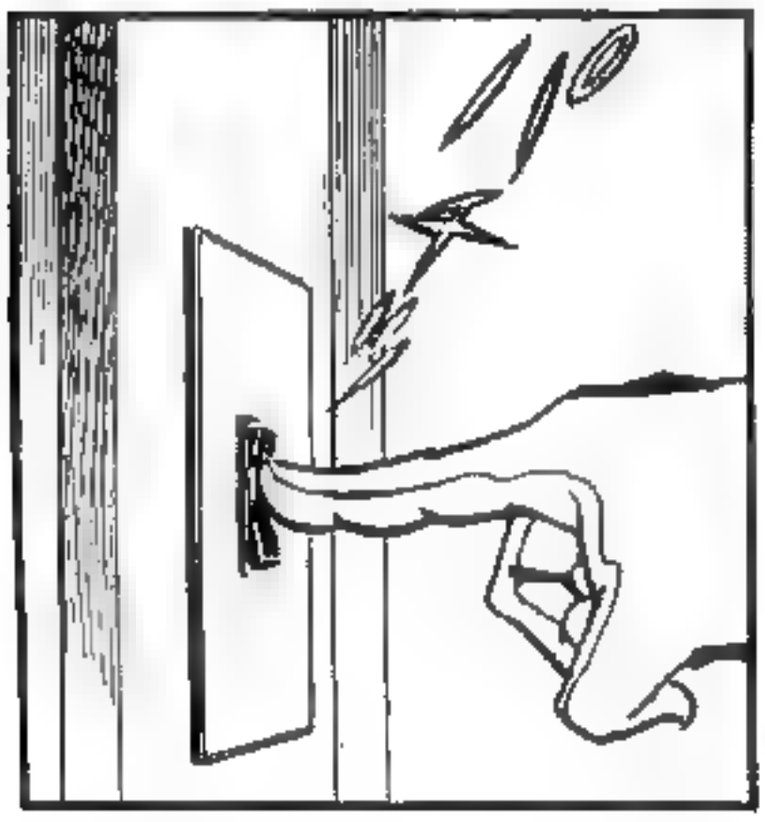

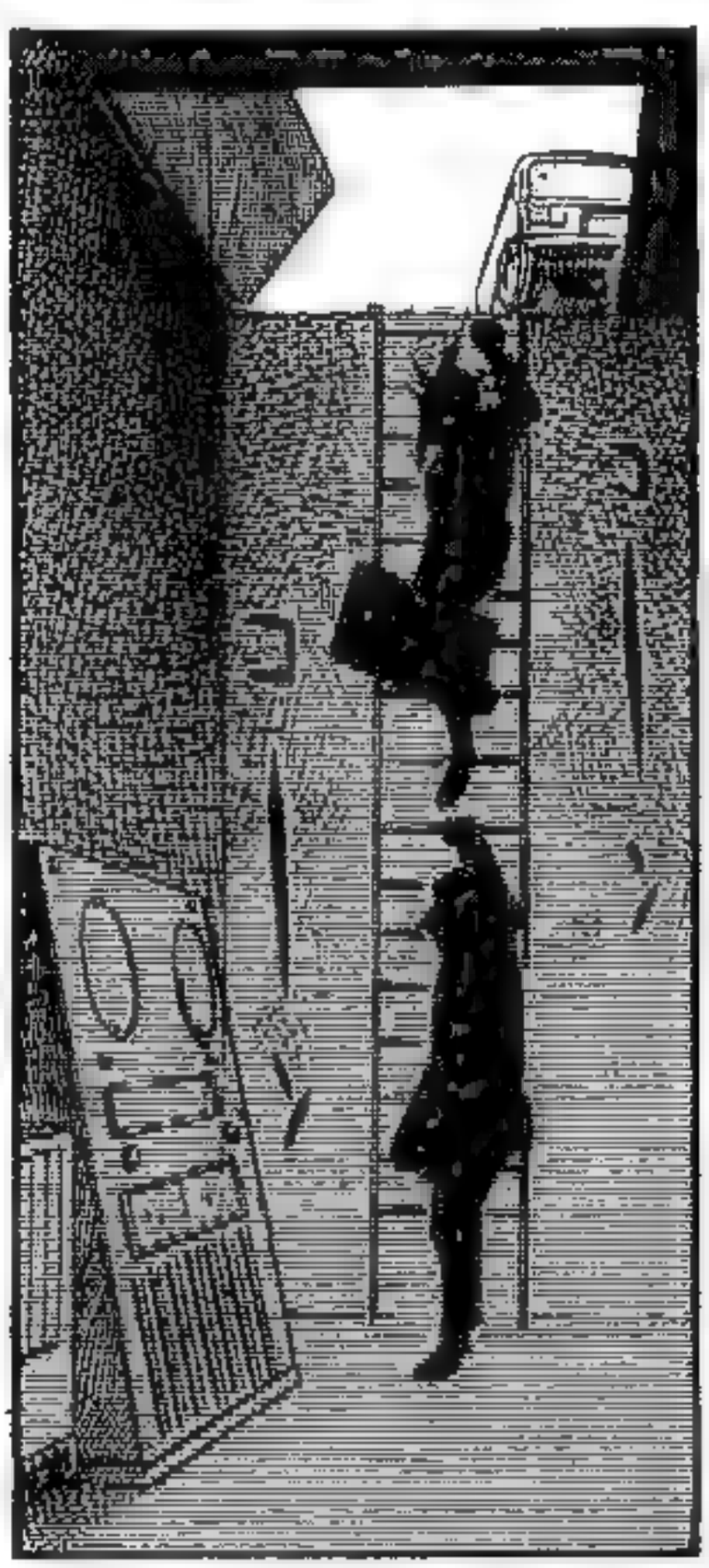

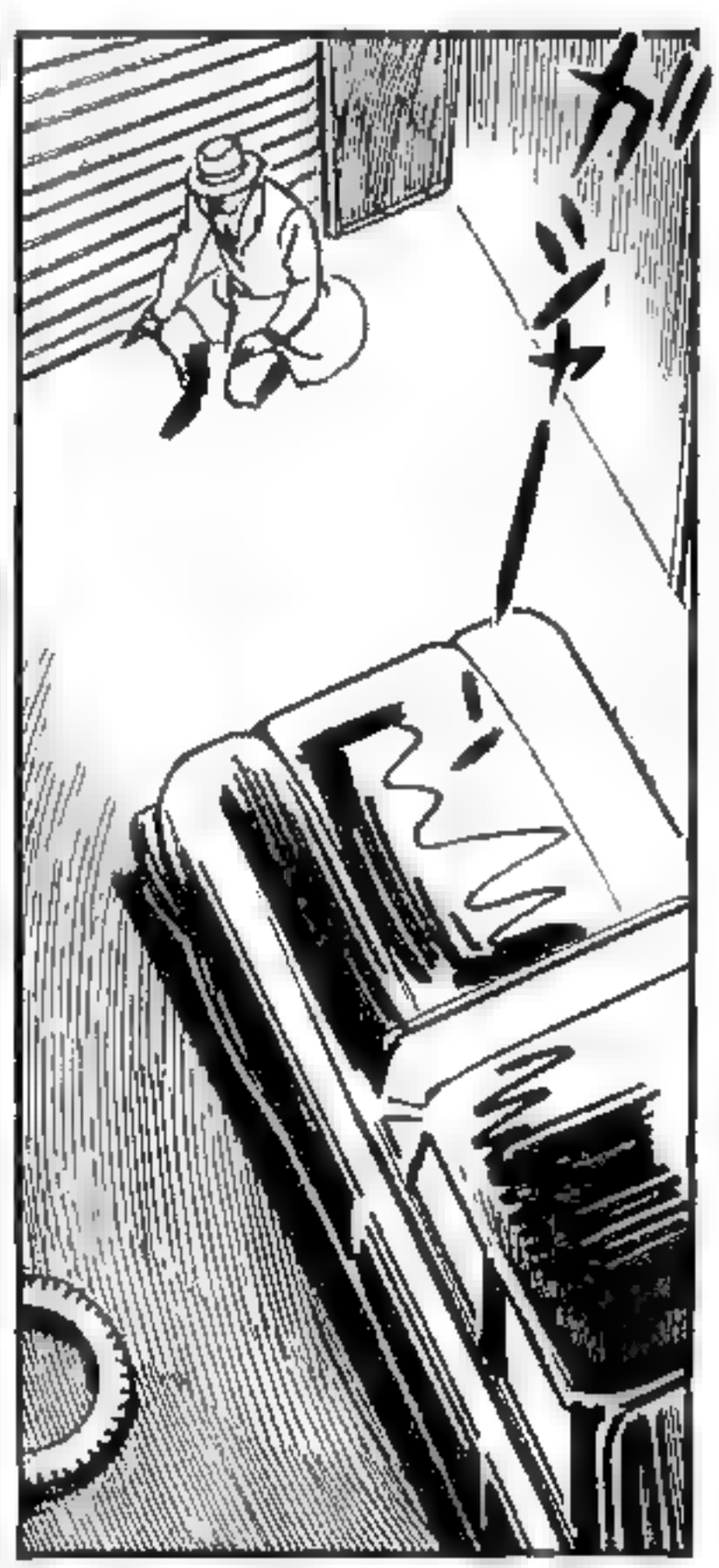

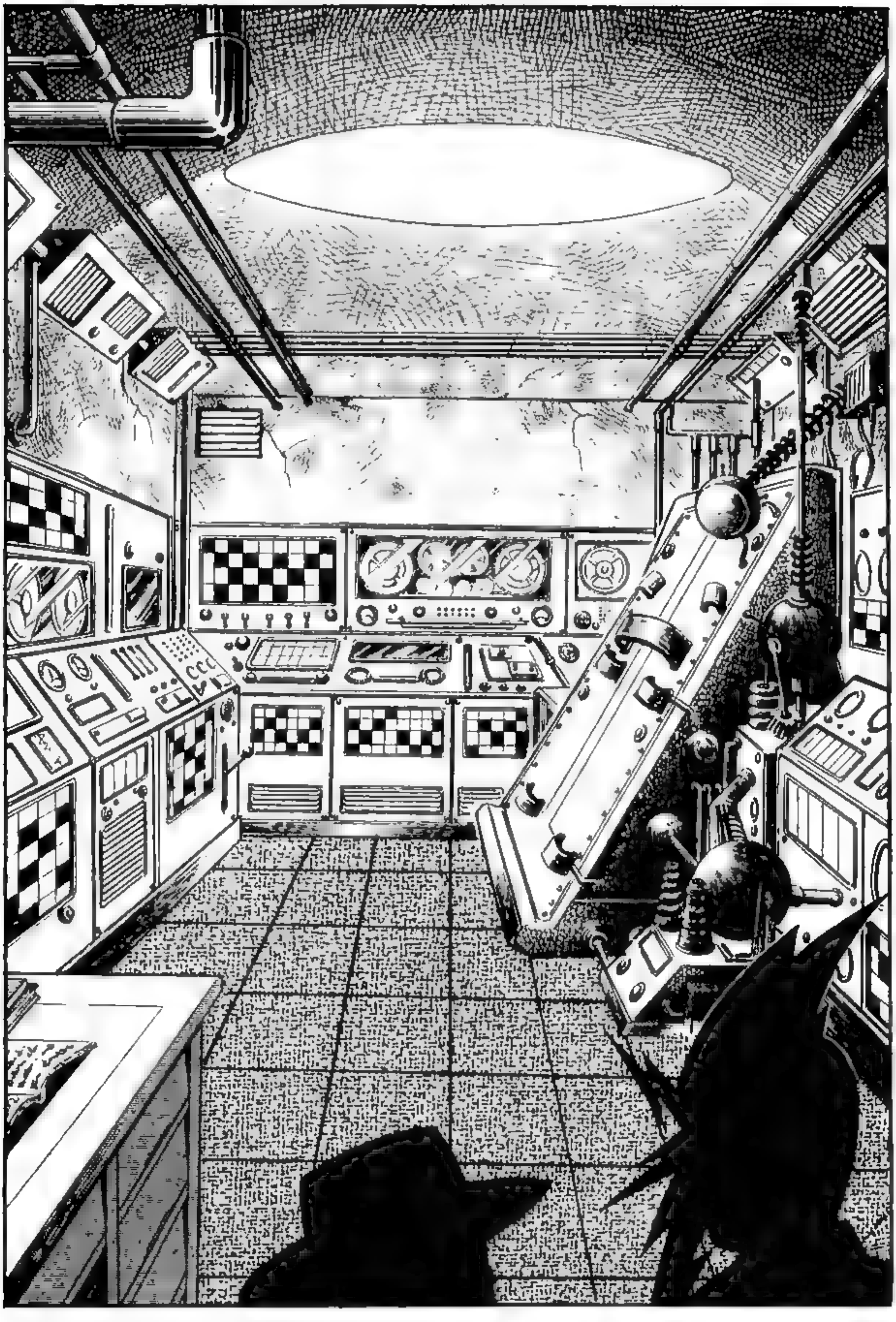

LET'S STOP THIS...

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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT FOR..?

HUH!?

LET'S STOP DOING THIS RIGHT NOW!

I REFUSE!

WHAT!?

STAND IN THERE! I'LL REMOVE THE ELECTRIFICATION DEVICES AND RESTORE YOU TO NORMAL!

...HAVE YOU KILLED SO FAR..?

HOW MANY PEOPLE ...

BUT I CAN'T LET YOU KILL ANY MORE PEOPLE!

I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO NORMAL YET!

BUT...

...GETTING SCARED OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING!

YOU'RE...

HEHHEHHE... I SEE...

...THAT I WOULD BECOME THE RICHEST MAN ON EARTH!

...I PROMISED MYSELF WHEN YOU MADE ME AN ELECTRIC MAN..

NOW THAT WE'VE COME SO FAR..

BESIDES... IT WAS YOUR IDEA TO USE ME TO ROB THOSE BANKS!

I DON'T CARE HOW MANY PEOPLE I HAVE TO KILL!

I WANT MORE MONEY! MORE MONEY!

...I CAN'T LET YOU JUST BACK DOWN!

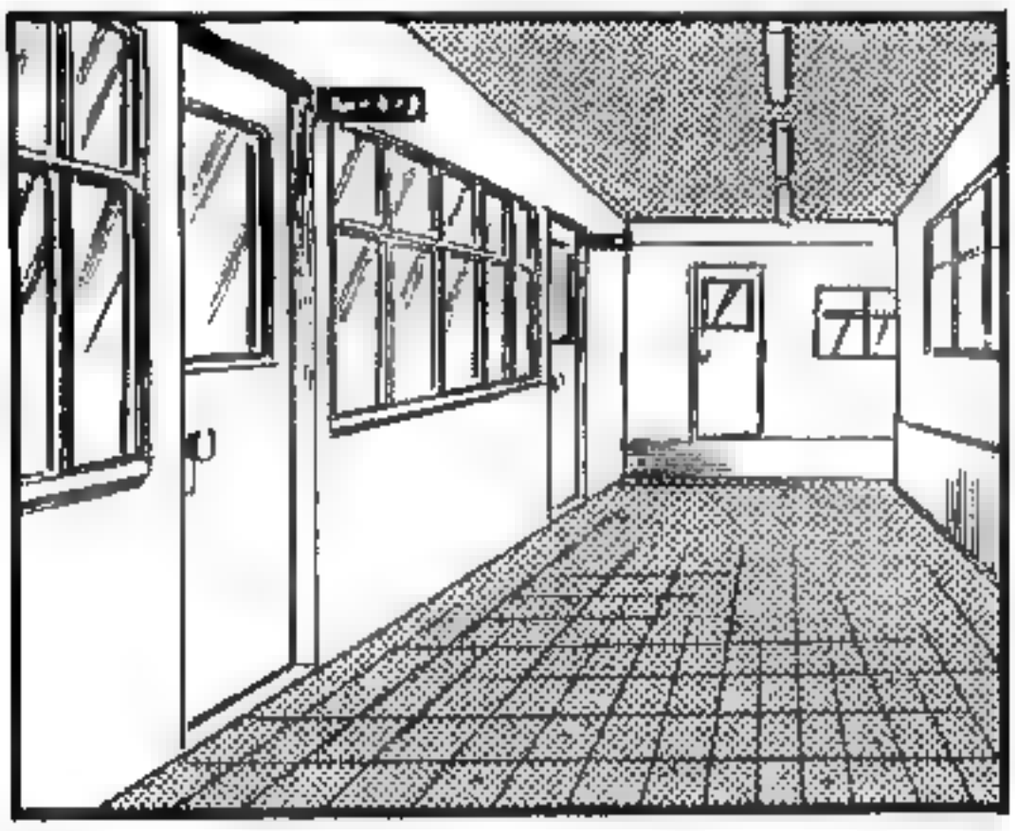
I DREAMED OF MAKING A NAME FOR MYSELF AS AN ELECTRONICS PROFESSOR..

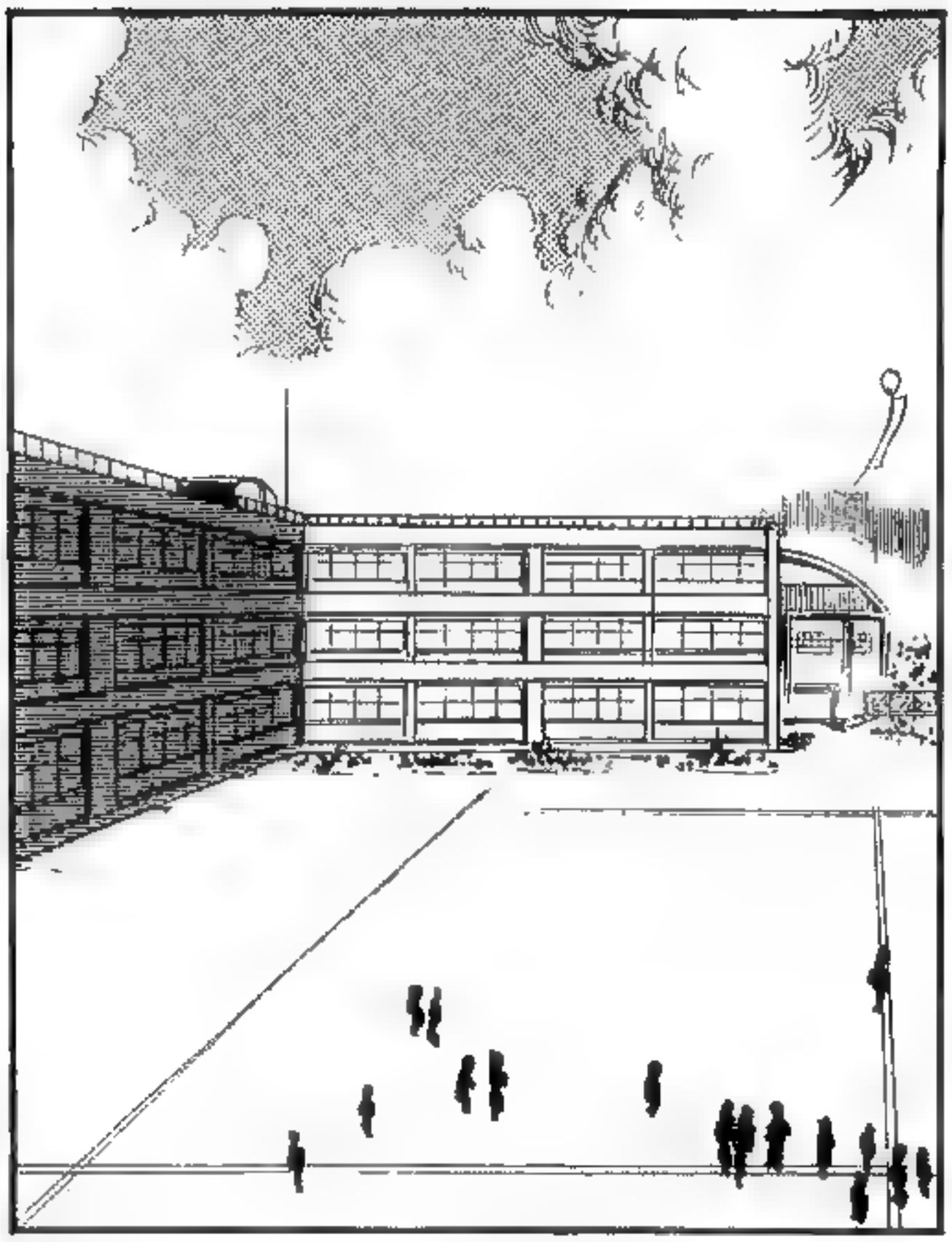
I'VE CREATED SOMETHING TERRIFYING...

...AND DECIDED TO MAKE MONEY THE EASY WAY USING MY RESEARCH... I DIDN'T KNOW HOW DREADFUL THE RESULTS WOULD BE.

BUT NO ONE WOULD RECOGNIZE ME... AND AFTER MANY LONG YEARS, I COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE...

...AND I SPENT DECADES RESEARCHING HIGH-VOLTAGE EMISSION TECHNOLOGY...





...THEN SPIDER-MAN CAME OUT OF NOWHERE!

HE HUNG OFF THAT WALL AND CLIMBED UP IT JUST LIKE A SPIDER!
ANYWAY, IT WAS ALMOST LIKE A DREAM..
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HEY, DID YOU ACTUALLY SEE HIM FIGHT ELECTRO?
HE WAS SO COOL WHEN HE SHOWED UP!

O...OKAY, OKAY...
YOU STILL DON'T TRUST ME, BASTARD?

BUT SPIDER-MAN COULDN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO ELECTRO, COULD HE?

HUH!

I THINK SPIDER-MAN WILL DEFEAT ELECTRO EVENTUALLY!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HE WAS JUST FINE AFTER TAKING THAT SHOCK!

HIS HEAD'S FULL OF NOTHING BUT HIS STUDIES!

HEY, FORGET IT. KOMORI ISN'T INTERESTED IN THAT STUFF!

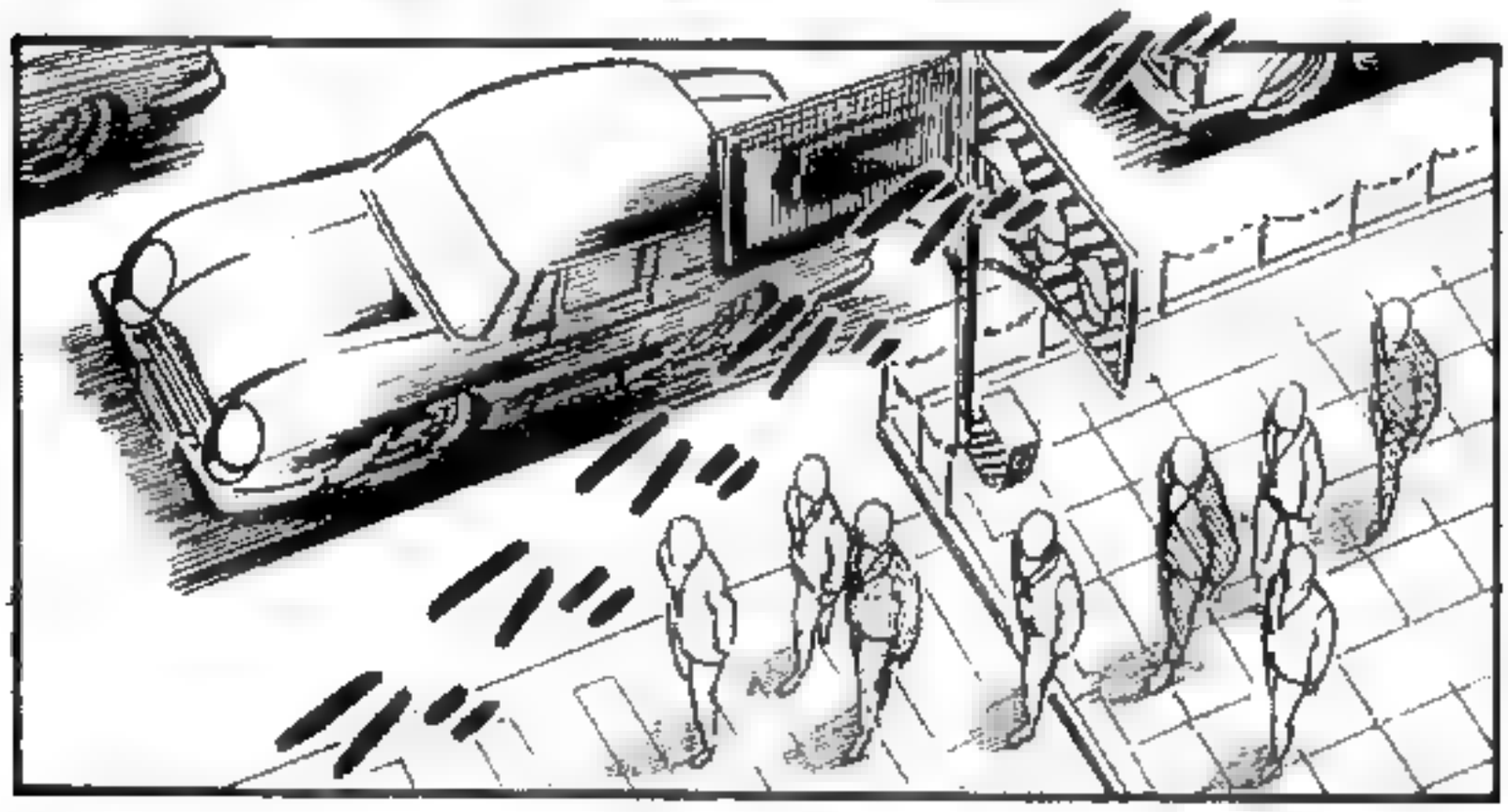
HUH!?

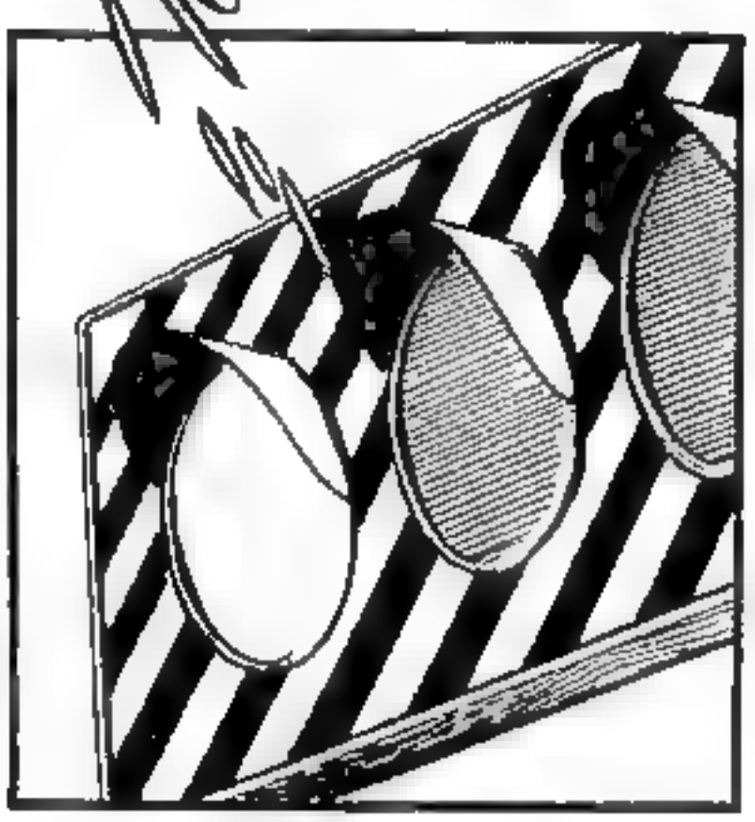
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK, BOOKWORM?

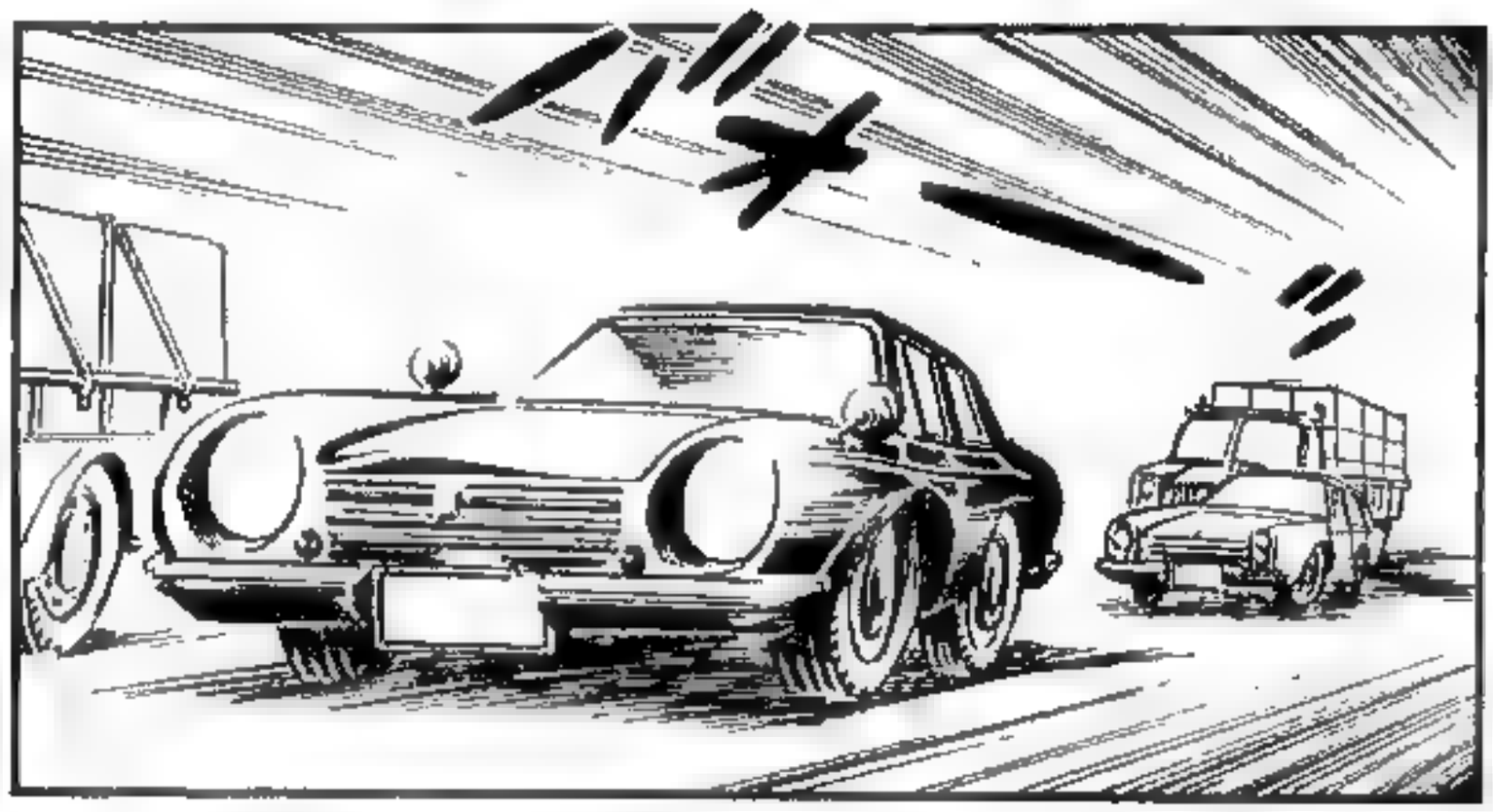
TCH.

INSET: WAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

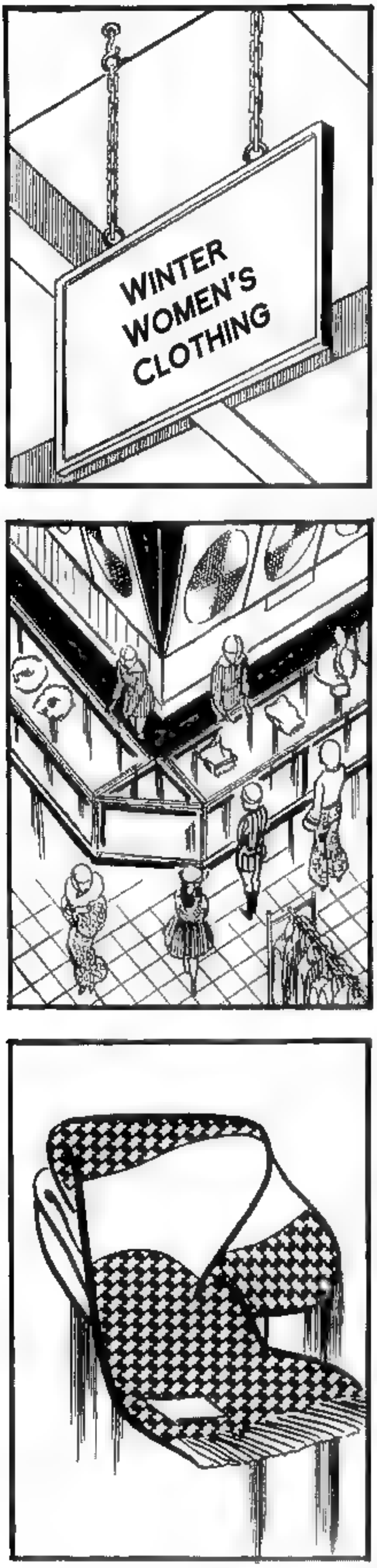
HE'S STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT.
LETTING ELECTRO TOUCH ME WAS A BIG MISTAKE.







HEHE... BANKS AREN'T THE ONLY PLACES WITH MONEY.
YOU'LL ONLY CAUSE MORE MURDERS!
IT'S HOPELESS! ALL THE BANKS ARE SURROUNDED BY HUNDREDS OF ARMED OFFICERS!



SIGN: TOKYO DEPARTMENT STORE.

I'LL BET MY MOTHER WILL BE SURPRISED IF I COME HOME WEARING THIS...

THANK YOU, YU. THIS SCARF'S REALLY WARM...

...WHEN I PROMISED I'D MAKE YOU ENOUGH MONEY...

I COPPED OUT WITH THIS PRESENT...

I'M SORRY, RUMI.

YU!

BUT I WASN'T TRYING TO LIE TO YOU!

RUMI...

.....

I'M REALLY... REALLY HAPPY...

THANK YOU... I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT YOU'D CARE FOR ME SO MUCH...

AIEEEEEEEEEEEE!

UWAAAAAAAAAAUGH!

IT'S ELECTRO!

HE RAN OFF WITH ALL THE PROFITS!

AIEEEEEEEEEEEE!

E... ELECTRO..!

WAAAAAAAUGH!

INSET: AIEEEEEEEEEEE!

WAHHA HAHA!

WHAT'S ELECTRO DOING HERE..!?

I'LL DO IT!

I'LL DO IT FOR RUMI!

YU!

HE HAS THE ABILITIES OF A SPIDER, WITH THOUSANDS OF TIMES THE POWER!

YOU'RE RIGHT!

IT'S SPIDER-MAN!

WAAAAAAAAAUGH!

AIEEEEEEEEE!

UNN-NGH!

I GOTTA GET ELECTRO OUTSIDE, OR PEOPLE WILL JUST GET HURT!

WAIT!

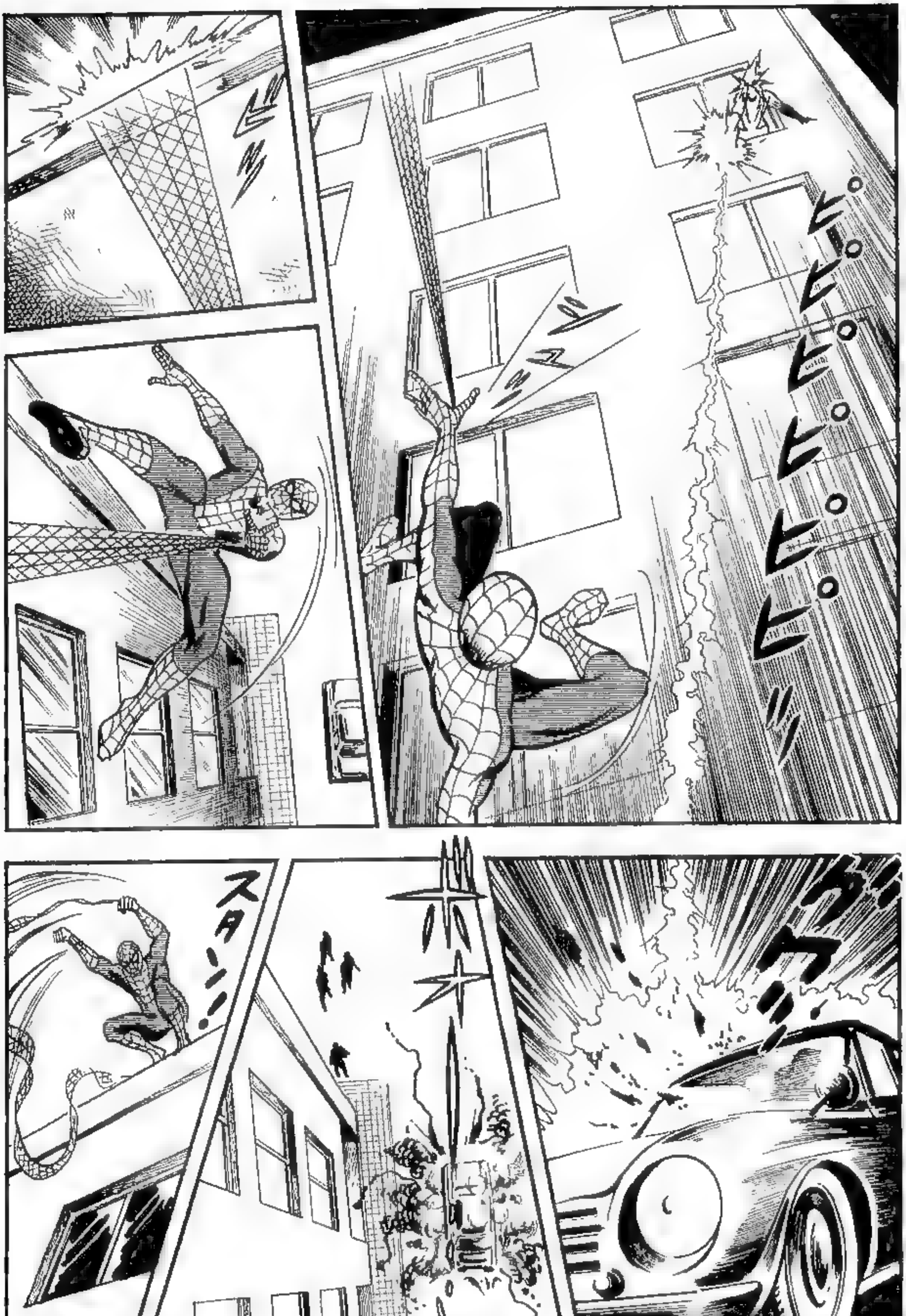
I WON'T FAIL LIKE I DID YESTERDAY! I PUT RUBBER GLOVES AND SHOES ON!

IS HE TRYING TO CRUSH MY DESIRES!? NOT IF I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!

UNNGH! IS THAT INCORRIGIBLE BASTARD TRYING TO DEFEAT ME!?

ALRIGHT, JUST OUT THE WINDOW...

OH!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IF I DIE, YOU...
IF I...
D-DAMMIT!

ZAP!

AIEEE!
WAH!

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YOU WILL
NEVER..
BE HUMAN
AGAIN...

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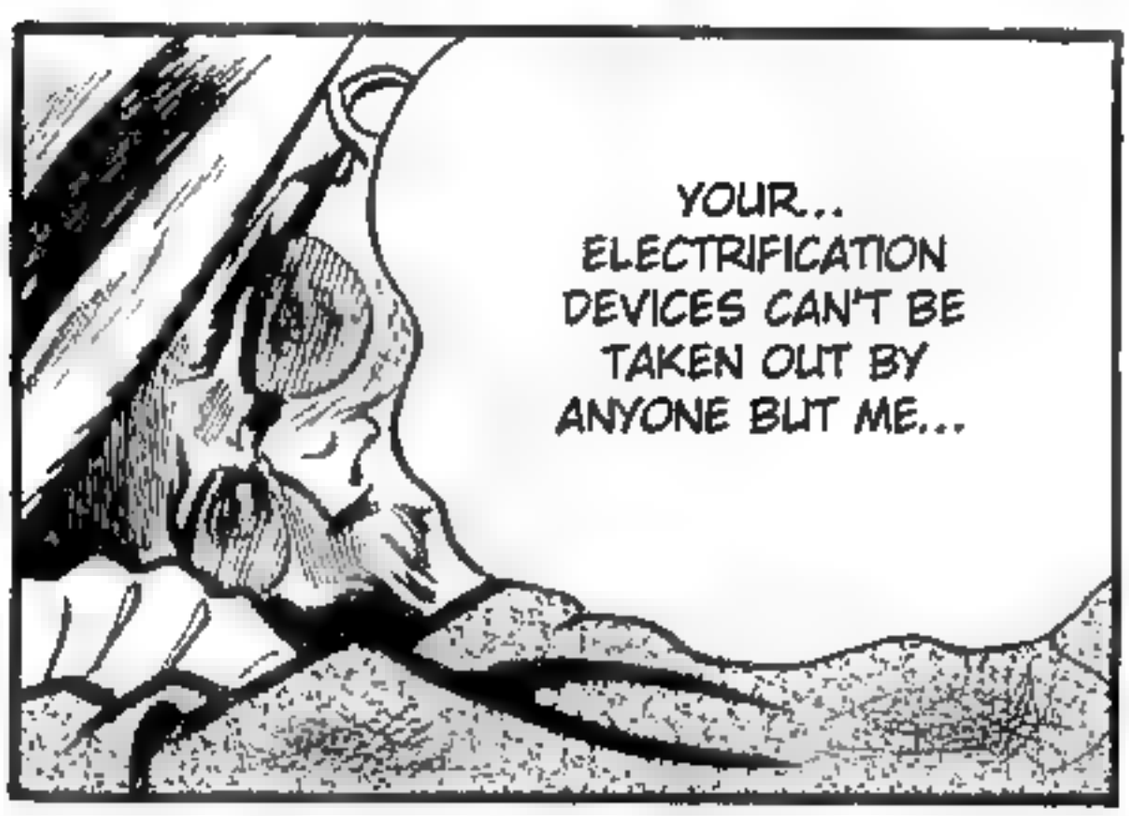
YOUR..
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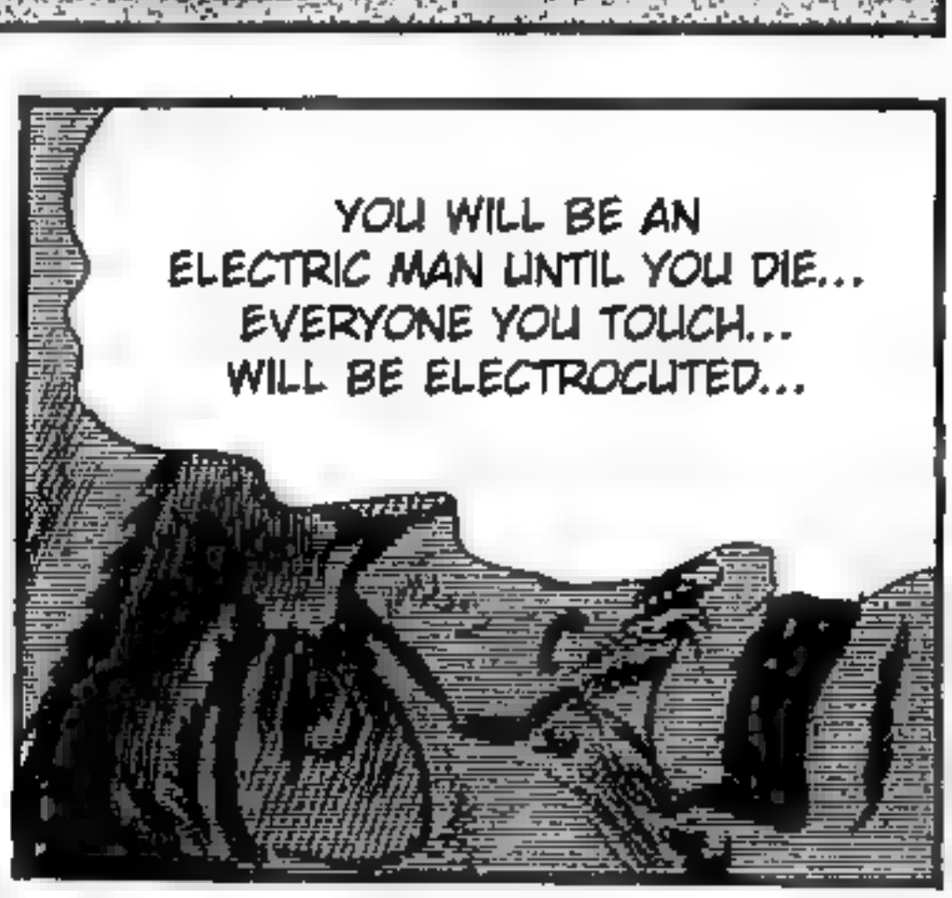
DEVICES CAN'T BE
TAKEN OUT BY
ANYONE BUT ME...

PROFESSOR!


YOU WILL BE AN
ELECTRIC MAN UNTIL YOU DIE...
EVERYONE YOU TOUCH...
WILL BE ELECTROCUTED...

WAAAAAAAUGH!!

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A-AHHH...

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...HOLD SOMEONE'S HAND...

I CAN'T EVEN...

T-THAT MEANS...

E-EVERYONE THAT TOUCHES ME...

N...NO...

...I'LL ALWAYS BE ALONE...

THEN HOWEVER MUCH MONEY I HAVE...

THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED!

DAMMIT! I'LL KILL YOU!

IF YOU HADN'T SHOWN UP, T-THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED!

THIS IS YOUR FAULT!

GET HIM! KILL HIM!

SPIDER-MAN!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CAPTURE ELECTRO!

KRAVEN!

THAT'S RIGHT! NOW'S THE TIME TO USE MY SUPERPOWERS TO THEIR MAX!

HIYE

OOOH...

I DID IT!

I-I...

T-THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

R-RUMI'S BROTHER!?

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON!?

...SO I COULD GET MONEY FOR YOUR SISTER..

I WAS FIGHTING YOU...

WHY... AM I... SO UNLUCKY..?

HEHEHE ...

THAT... SUDDEN ACCIDENT... TOOK EVERYTHING AWAY FROM ME...

...I HIT A CHILD, WHO BECAME DIS-ABLED...

HALF A YEAR AGO, WHEN I WAS WORKING AT THE AUTO SHOP IN KAWASAKI...

...THAT I'D HAVE TO WORK ALL MY LIFE TO PAY IT OFF...

BUT I REALIZED...

I COULD ONLY AFFORD TO PAY TEN THOUSAND YEN A MONTH...

I HAD TO PAY FIVE MILLION YEN IN COMPENSATION... BUT MY SALARY WAS ALREADY SO LOW... URRGH...

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THAT'S WHY...
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO BE A RACER!
I COULD EASILY MAKE FIVE MILLION YEN AS A RACER..
OR A BOXER..
OR A JAZZ MUSICIAN!

I NEEDED MONEY!

HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY DESPAIR, AND MADE ME A TEST SUBJECT TO BECOME AN ELECTRIC MAN.

...WAS A PROFESSOR RESEARCHING HIGH-VOLTAGE EMISSION TECHNOLOGY...

THE FATHER OF THE DISABLED KID...

.....

IF ONLY... YOU HADN'T SHOWN UP...

...EVERYTHING WAS SUPPOSED TO GO FINE...

AND THEN...

WHAT HAVE MY SUPERPOWERS DONE..!?

W-WHAT HAVE I...

SPIDER-MAN, THE MAN OF JUSTICE!
HE SHOWS THE SUPER POWERS OF A SPIDER! THE STOLEN BILLIONS OF YEN ARE SAFELY RETURNED!

A SUPERHERO IS FINALLY HERE! ELECTRO, THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE, IS DEFEATED IN ONE PUNCH!

...IT MAKES YOU REALIZE HOW MANY DEEP THE PROBLEMS IN SOCIETY ARE.

BUT NOW THAT WE KNOW WHO ELECTRO IS...

SOMEONE ACTUALLY DEFEATED ELECTRO!

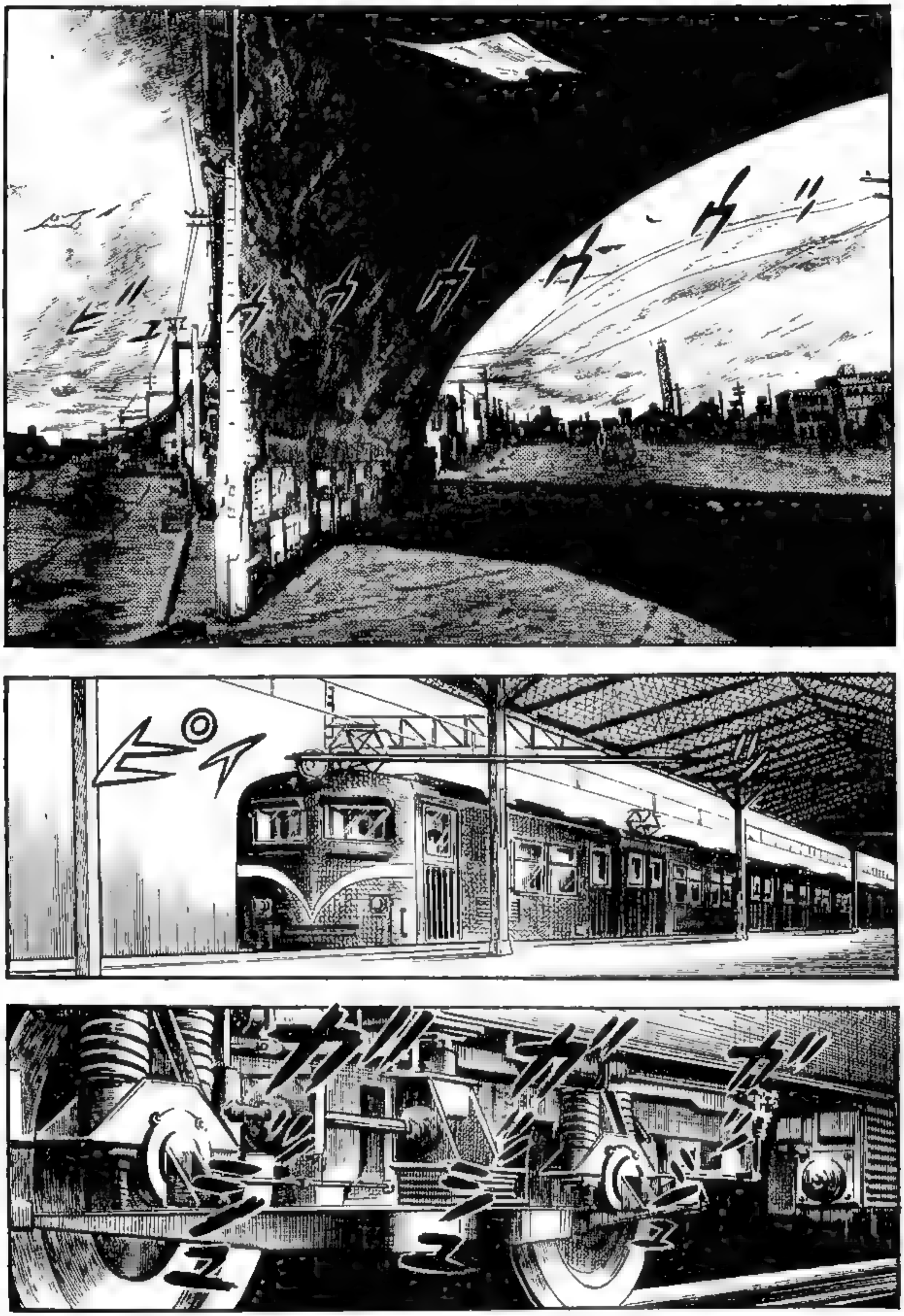
WELL, THIS IS A SURPRISE!

...WHO IS HE, ANYWAY..?

BUT THAT ASIDE, THIS SPIDER-MAN, WHO DEFEATED ELECTRO...

...WAS DRIVEN TO THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR BY ONE ACCIDENT...

AFTER ALL, A SINCERE YOUNG MAN WHO CAME TO TOKYO WITH HIS HEART FULL OF HOPE...



I DON'T KNOW WHEN I CAN RETURN IT, BUT I PROMISE...

THANK YOU, YU. YOU REALLY DID MAKE THE MONEY FOR ME.

MY BROTHER WAS JUST A MIS-FORTUNATE YOUNG MAN...

YU, DON'T TALK ABOUT MY BROTHER THAT SPIDER-MAN KILLED ANYMORE...

WHAT ABOUT YOUR BROTHER?

RUMI...

.....

...REALLY THAT GREAT TO ME..!?
ARE... ARE MY SUPERPOWERS...
SPIDER-MAN, THE MAN OF JUSTICE, DEFEATS ELECTRO, THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE, IN ONE PUNCH!!

THE BIRTH OF SPIDER-MAN – END

Chapter 2: Professor Inumaru's Transformation

SFX: AAAAAAAAAAH!

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OOOH...

UWAAH!

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H-HELP!

WAH!

SFX: UWAAAAAAAAAAAH!

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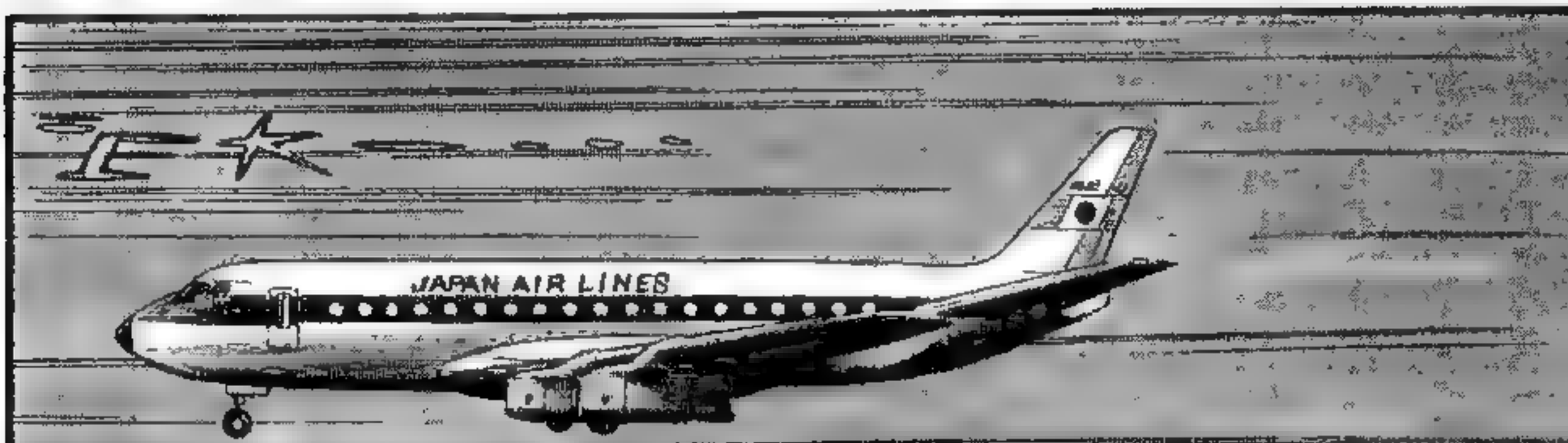

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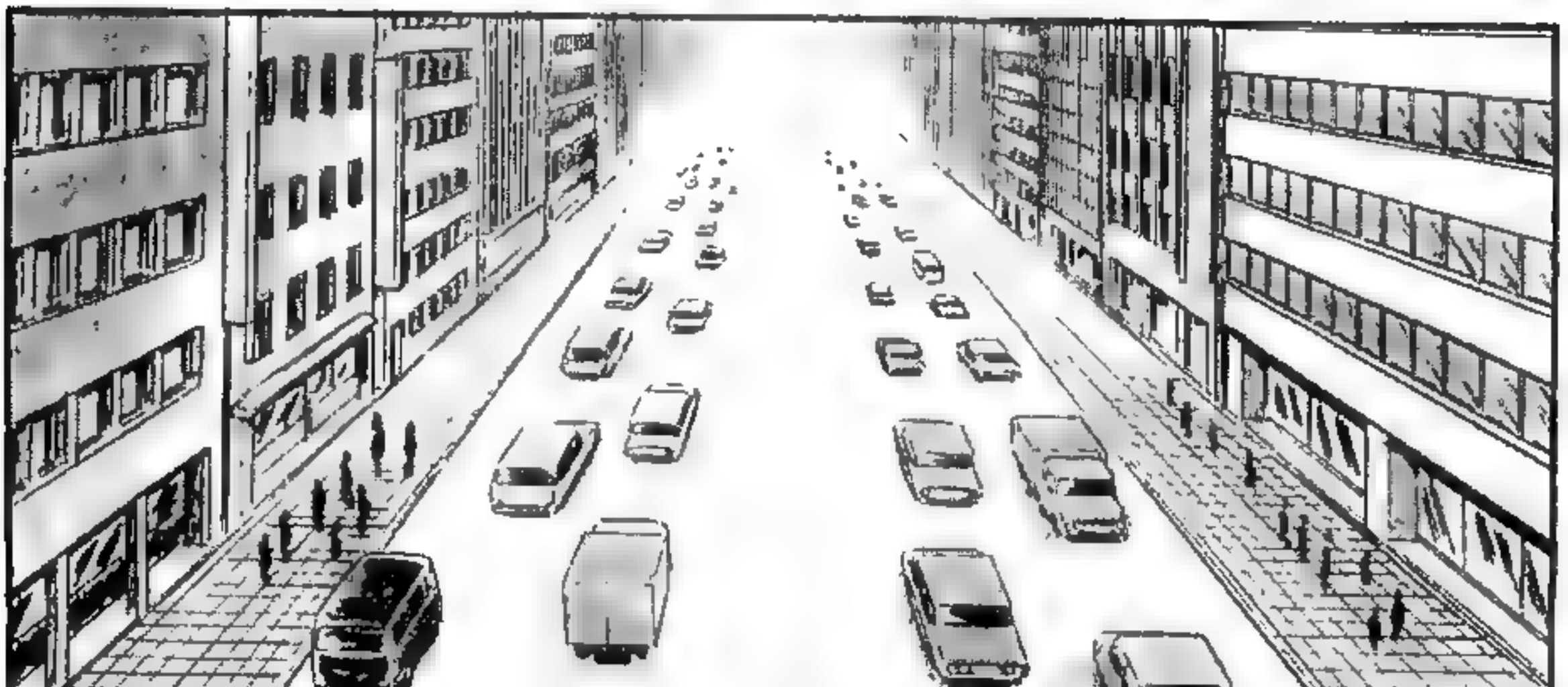

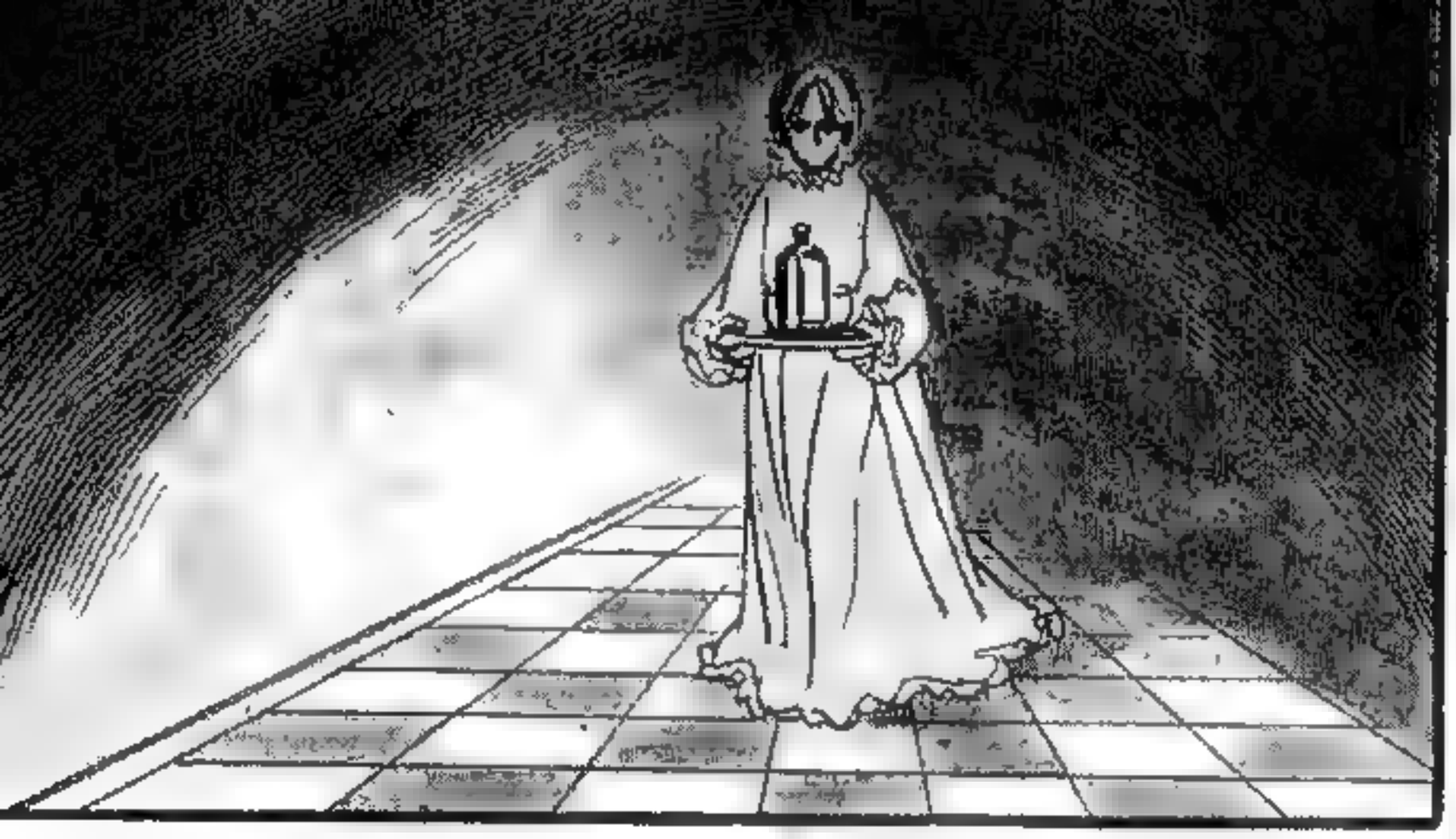

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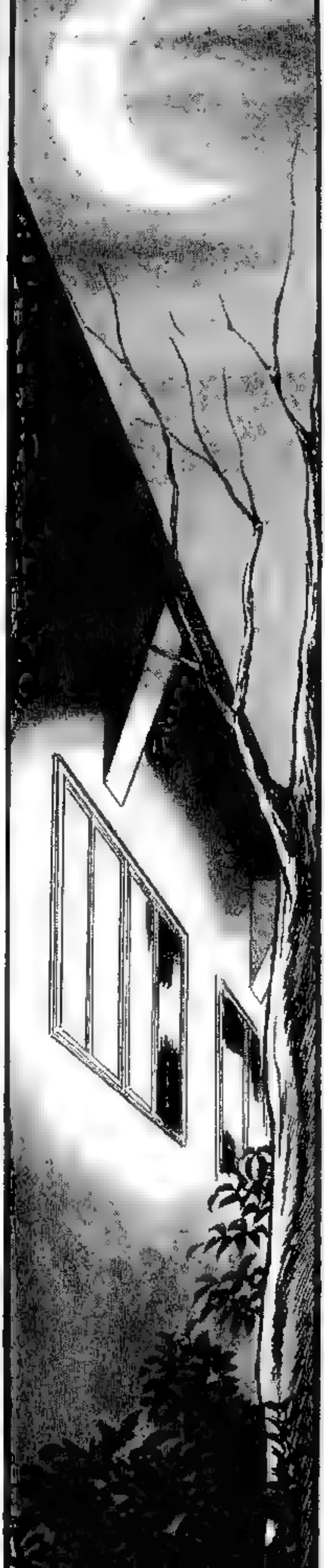
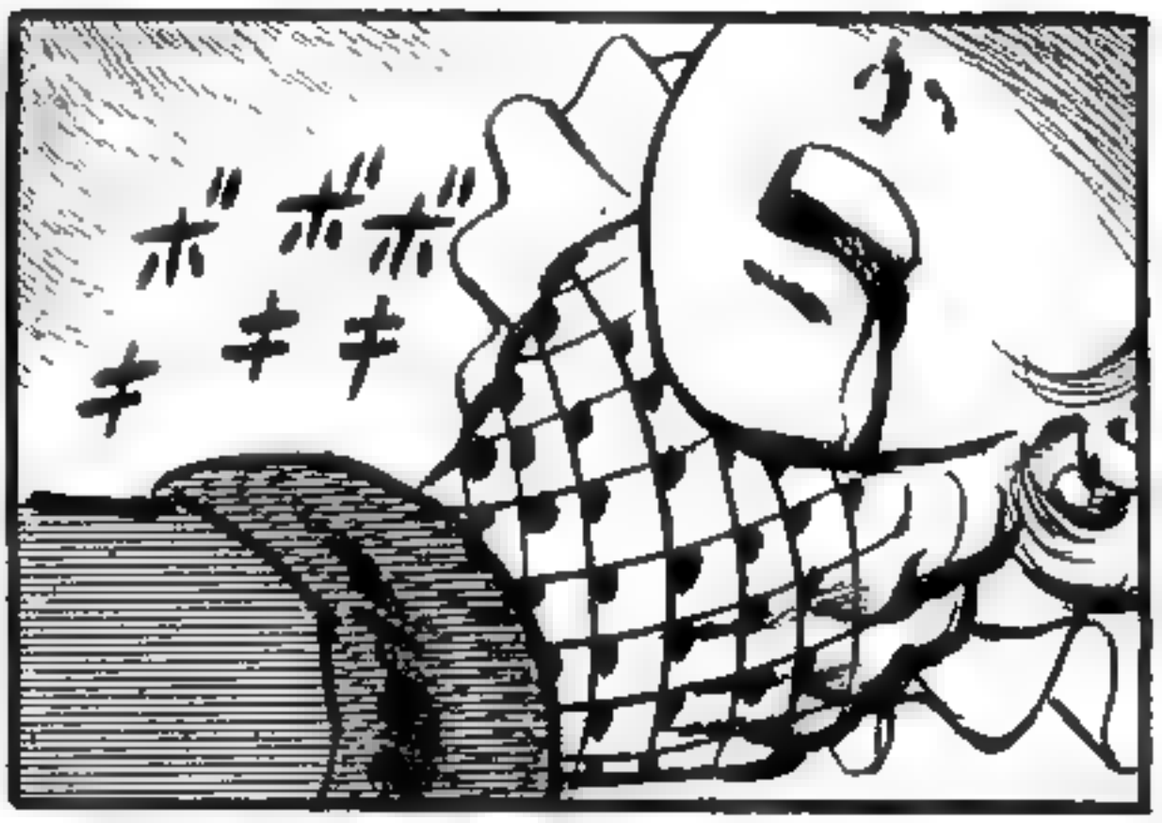


SFX: AIEEEEEEEEEEEE!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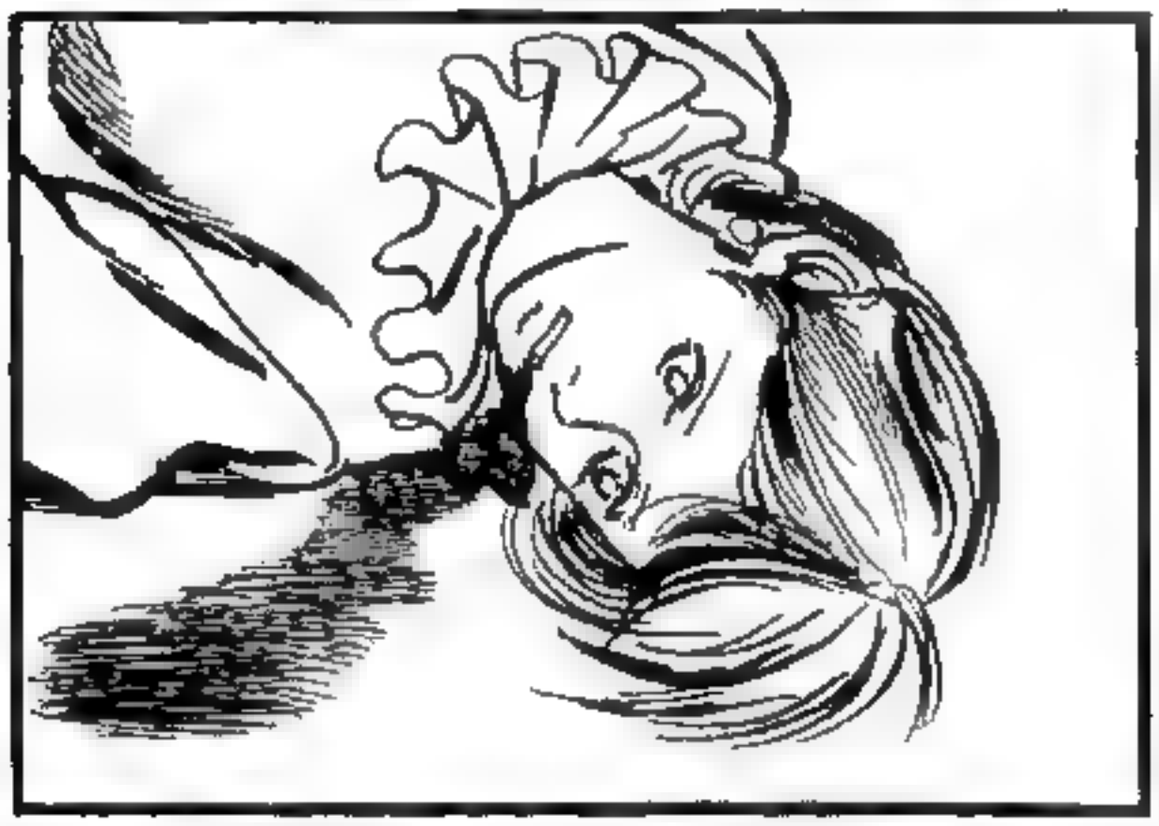

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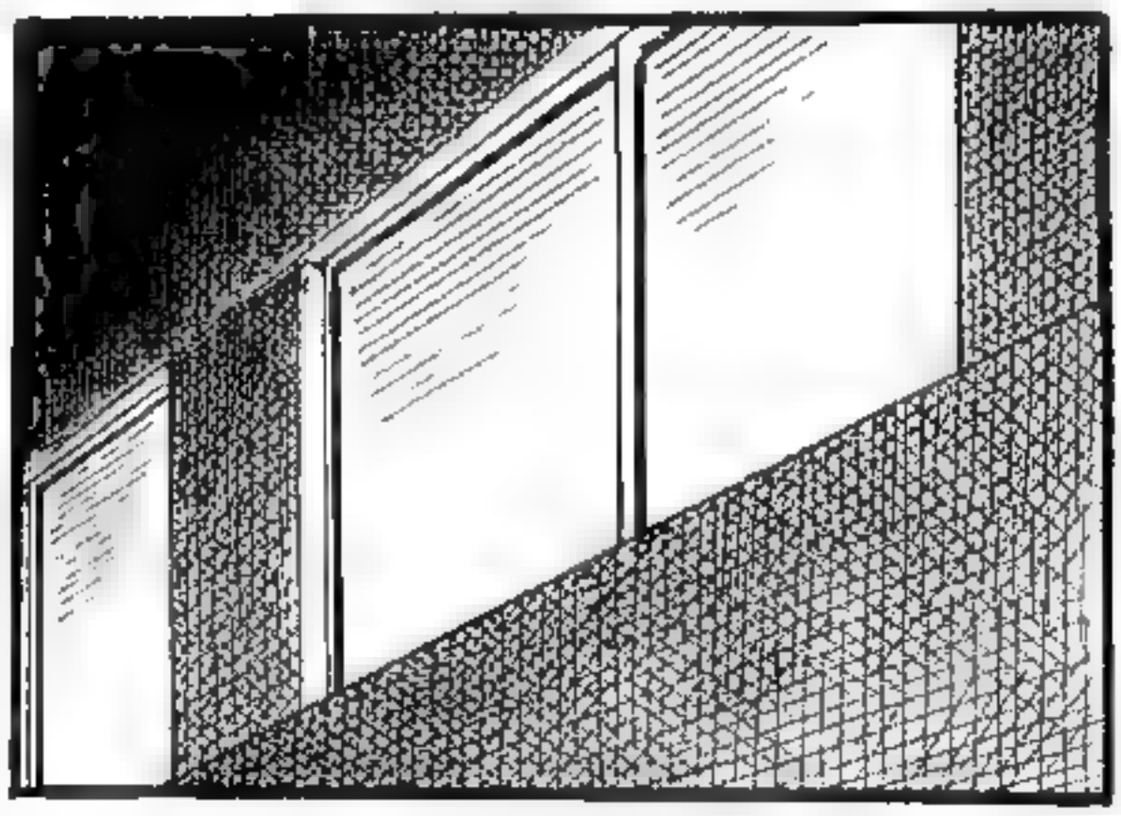
SIGN: KODA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.



GOOD.

THE MANU-FACTURING'S GOING PERFECTLY!

NOW, THIS NEW DRUG IS FINALLY HITTING STORES ACROSS THE NATION!

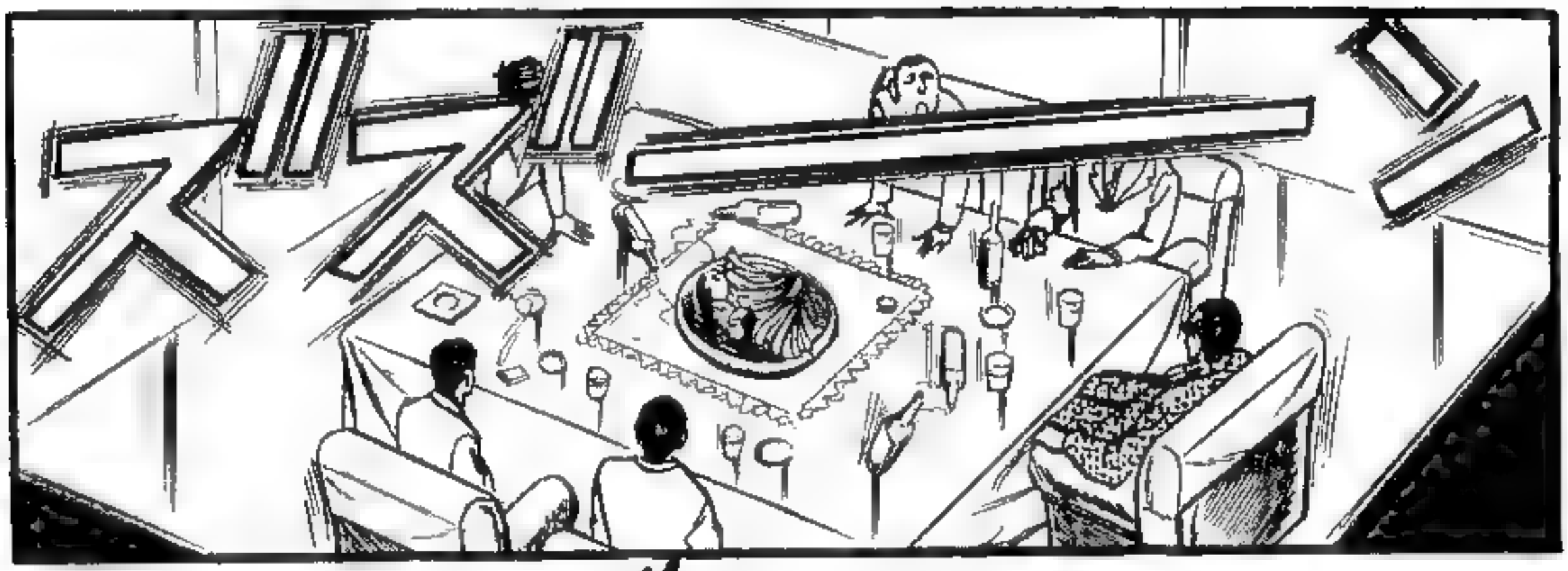
I TRULY THANK YOU!

I CAN BE SURE THAT THIS WILL SELL LIKE HOTCAKES...

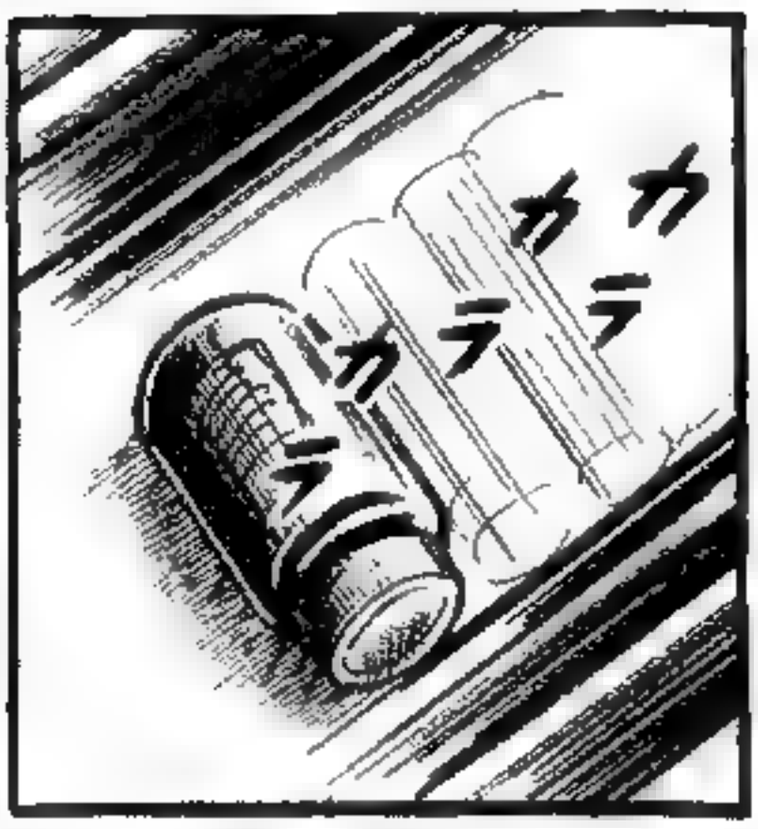
THANKS!!

NOW YOU WILL BE A WORLD-RENOWNED MEDICAL RESEARCHER! OUR COMPANY IS PROUD OF YOU!!

THIS DRUG WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN CREATED WITHOUT YOU!

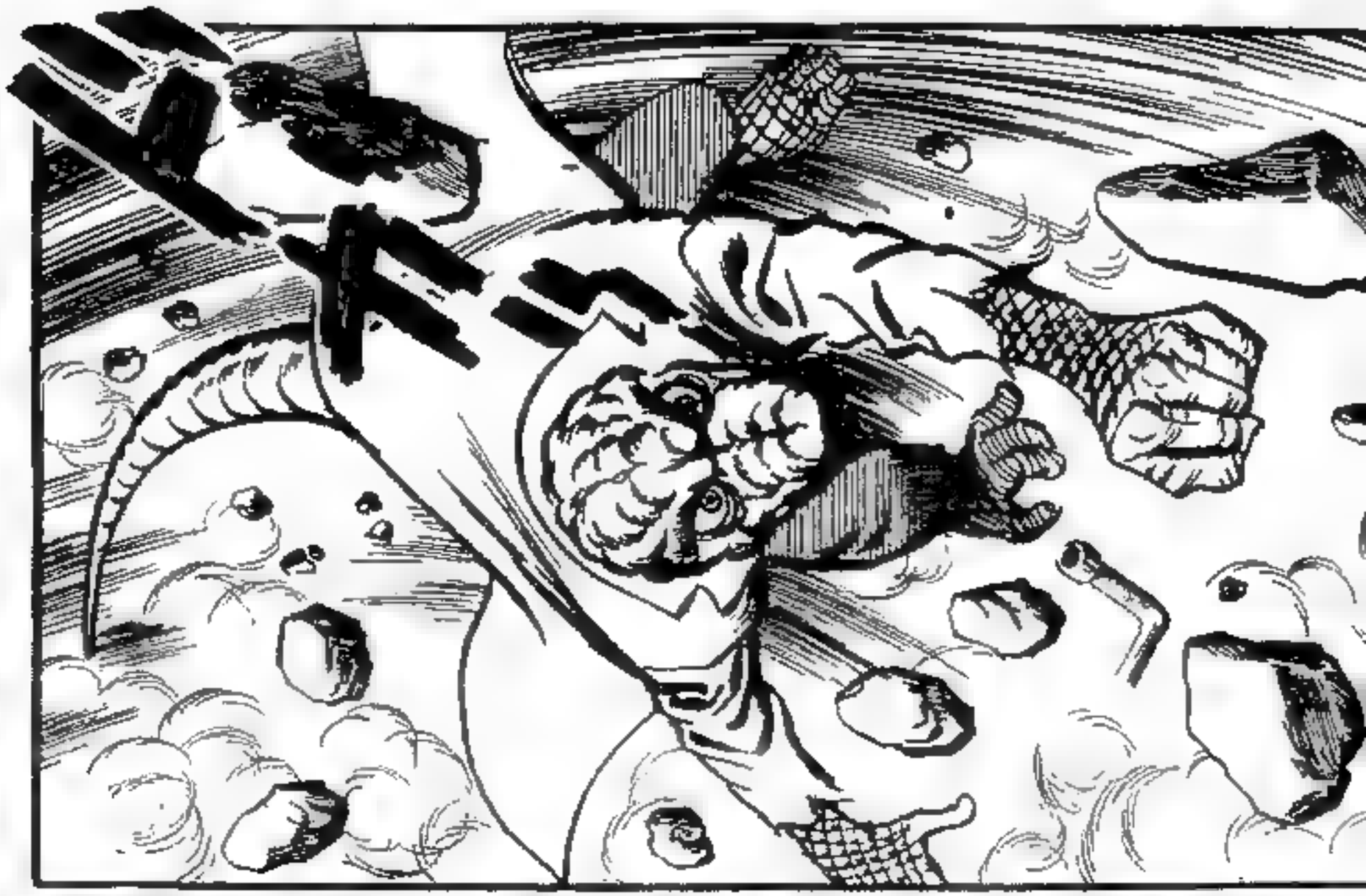


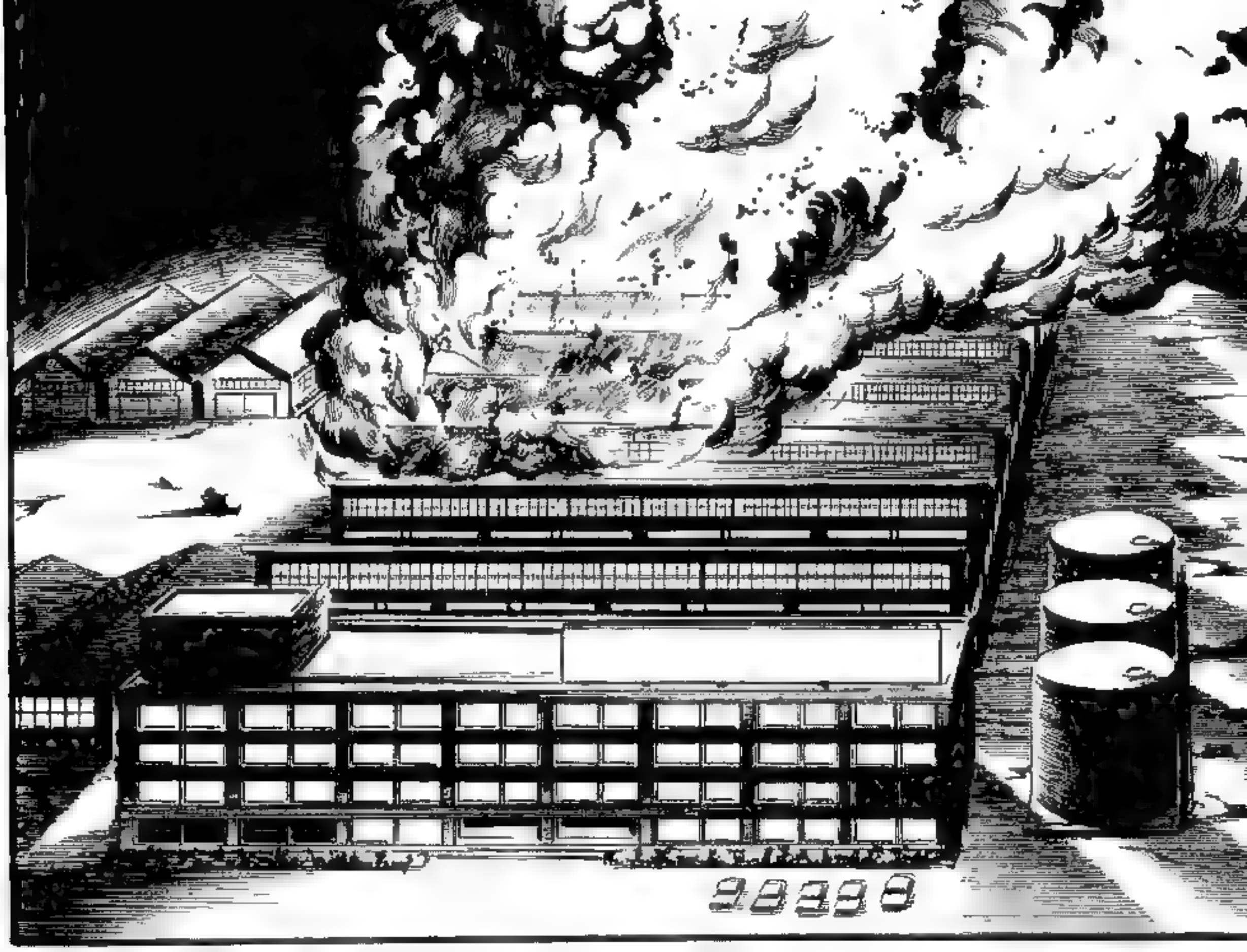
W...WHAT'S GOING ON!?



IT'S DESTROYING OUR FACTORY!?
...WHAT? A LIZARD MONSTER!?

PRESIDENT! BAD NEWS!!

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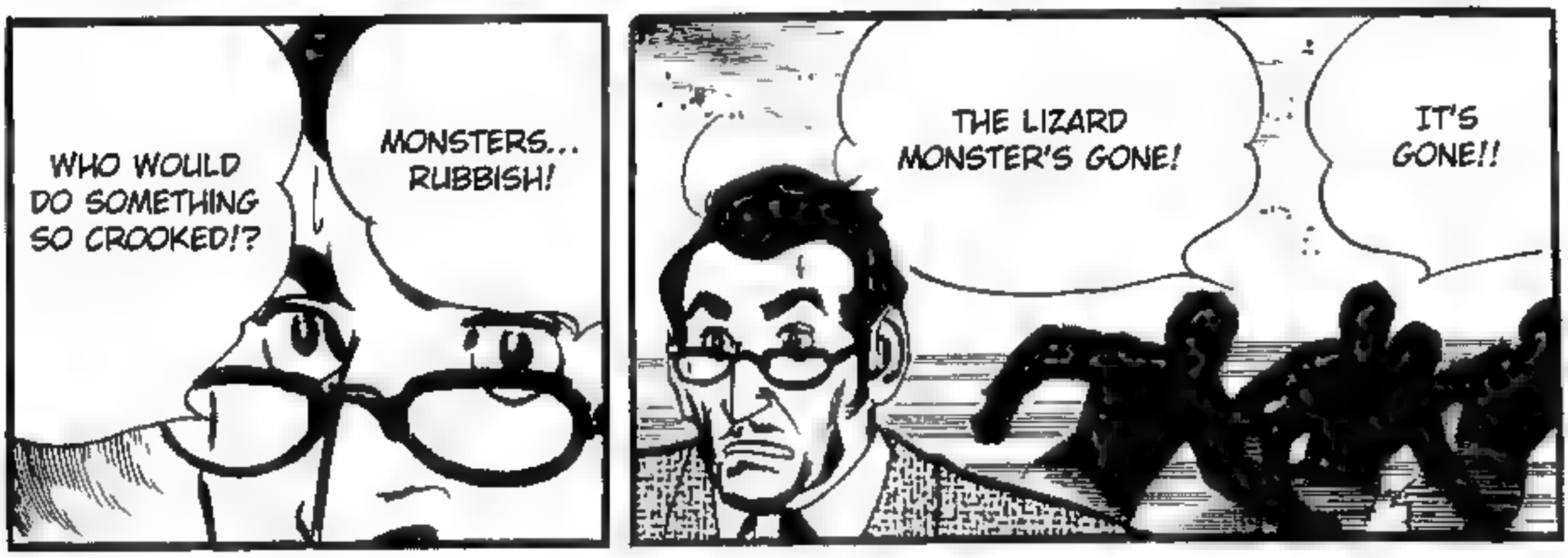
T-THE NEW DRUG IS TURNING TO ASH...


WHO WOULD DO SOMETHING SO CROOKED!?
MONSTERS... RUBBISH!
THE LIZARD MONSTER'S GONE!
IT'S GONE!!

WE'LL HAVE TO START PRODUCTION AGAIN TOMORROW! BRING THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

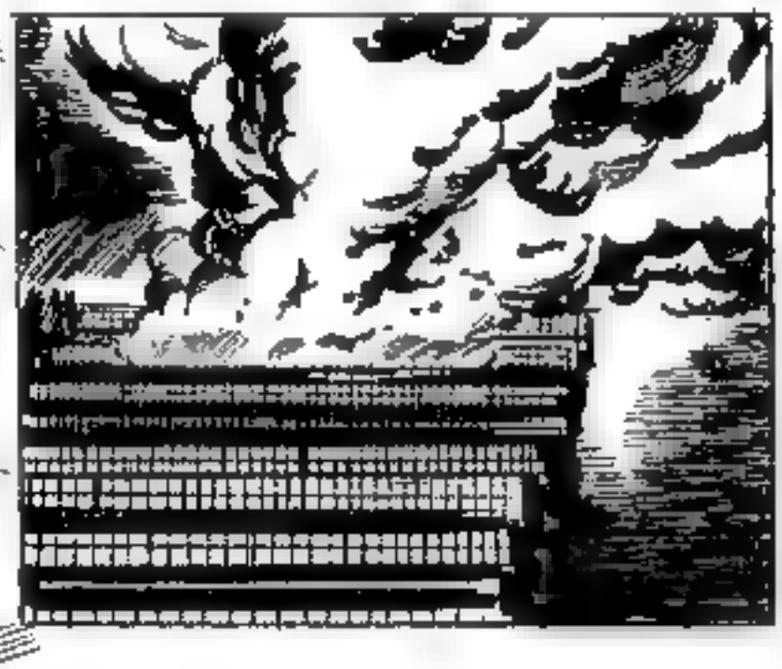
THEY'RE STILL AT MY HOUSE...

HEY!! WHERE ARE THE SECRET DOCUMENTS ON THE DRUG'S PRODUCTION..?

THE OTHER COMPANIES WILL DRIVE US OUT!! OUR COMPANY'S TRUST WILL BE RUINED!

IF WE CAN'T MAKE THIS NEW DRUG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...

YES, SIR.



THE PRESIDENT OF KODA PHARMACEUTICALS CLAIMED THE MONSTER WAS A ROBOT CONTROLLED BY THEIR COMPETITORS.

THE PRODUCTION FACTORY OF KODA PHARMA-CEUTICALS WAS ATTACKED BY A FEARSOME LIZARD MONSTER, AND FIVE FACTORY BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND BURNED.

A LIZARD MONSTER APPEARS!!

OTOWA HIGH, TOKYO

A LIZARD MONSTER...

...OR A ROBOT CONTROLLED BY A COMPETITOR...

RUMI...

KOMORI.

MY BROTHER WAS JUST A MISFORTUNATE YOUNG MAN...

YU, DON'T TALK ABOUT MY BROTHER THAT SPIDER-MAN KILLED ANYMORE...

RUMI...

KOMORI..?

AH!

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU, DAYDREAMING? I HAVEN'T ASKED YOU ANYTHING YET.

I...I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER!

Y-YES!

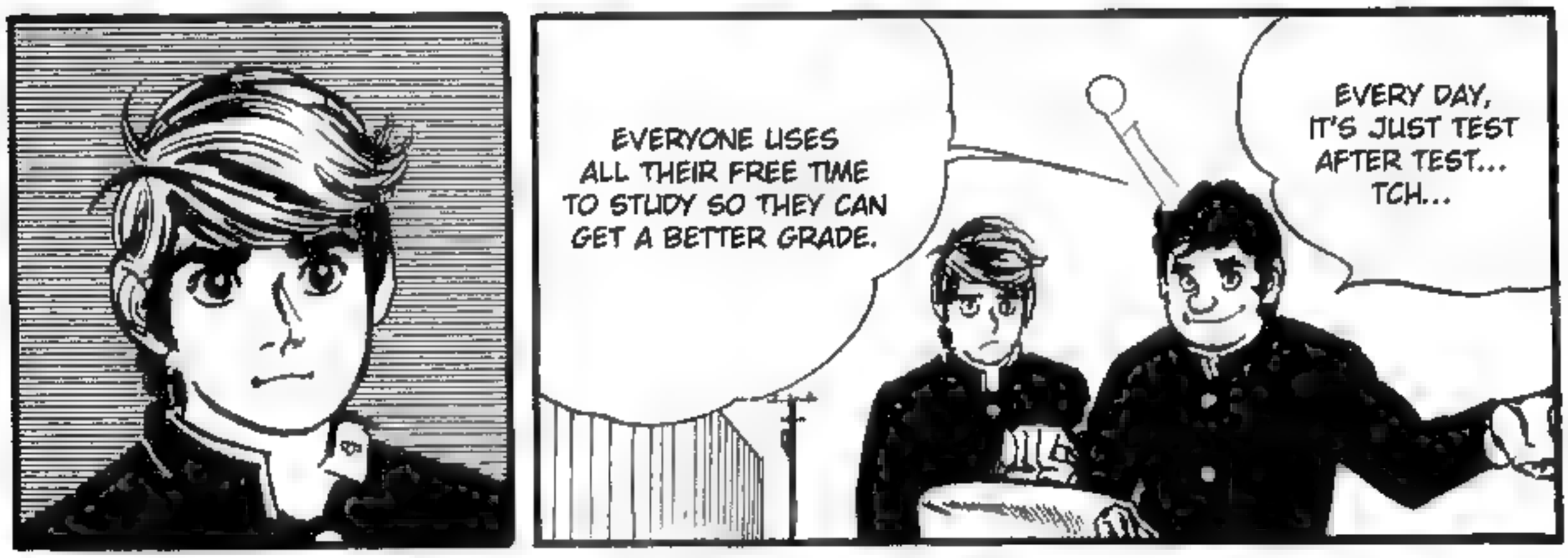
JUST KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN IN CLASS.

YOU CAN DREAM ABOUT YOUR GIRLFRIEND ALL YOU WANT AT NIGHT.

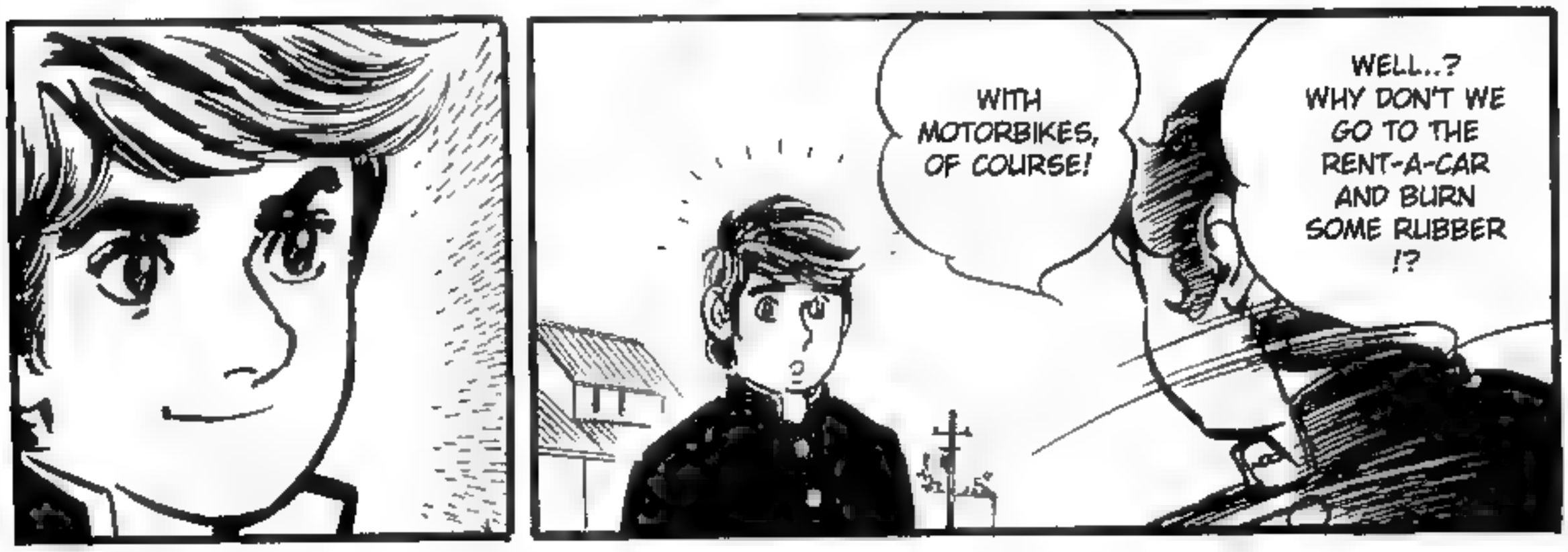
INSET: WAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

DAMMIT!

ARAKI..


EVERYONE USES ALL THEIR FREE TIME TO STUDY SO THEY CAN GET A BETTER GRADE.
EVERY DAY, IT'S JUST TEST AFTER TEST... TCH...

BUT WHAT'S SO FUN ABOUT THAT..?
THEY ALL THINK OF EVERYONE ELSE AS THEIR ENEMY, AND TRY TO PASS YOU IF THEY HAVE THE CHANCE!!


WITH MOTORBIKES, OF COURSE!
WELL..? WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE RENT-A-CAR AND BURN SOME RUBBER !?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN JEALOUS THAT YOU HAVE A MEDICAL RESEARCHER FOR A FATHER!

WHY..?

TCH! I WISH THE LIZARD WOULD'VE EATEN MY DAD!!

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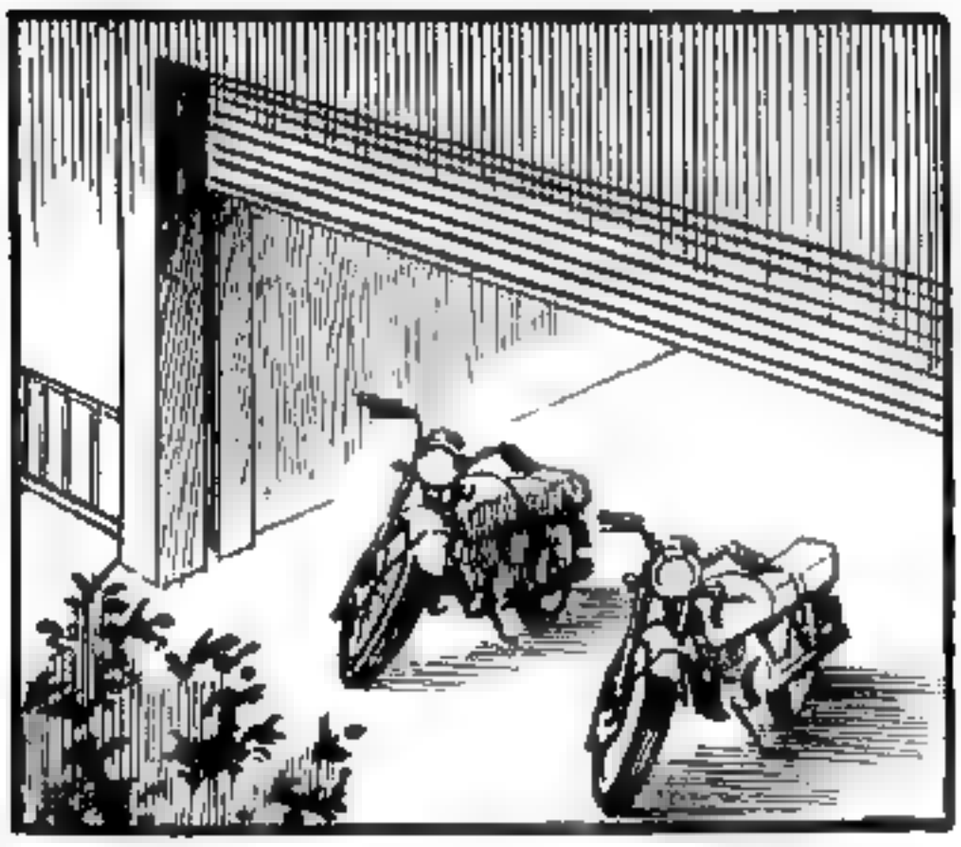
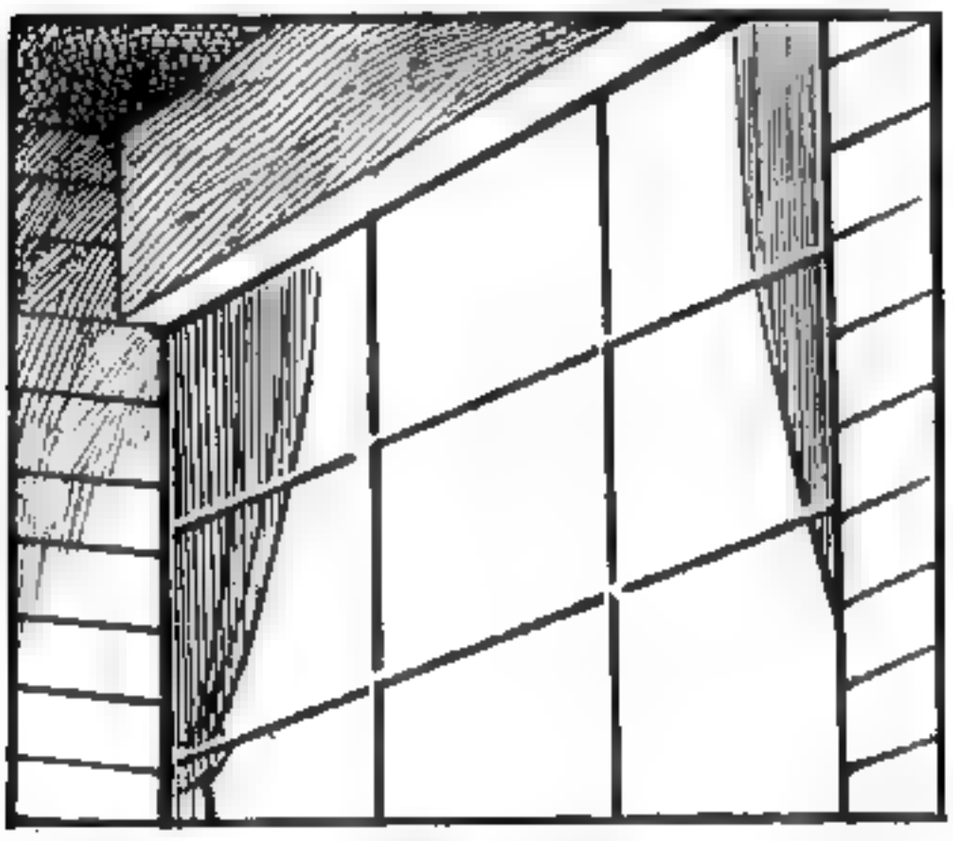
SURE...

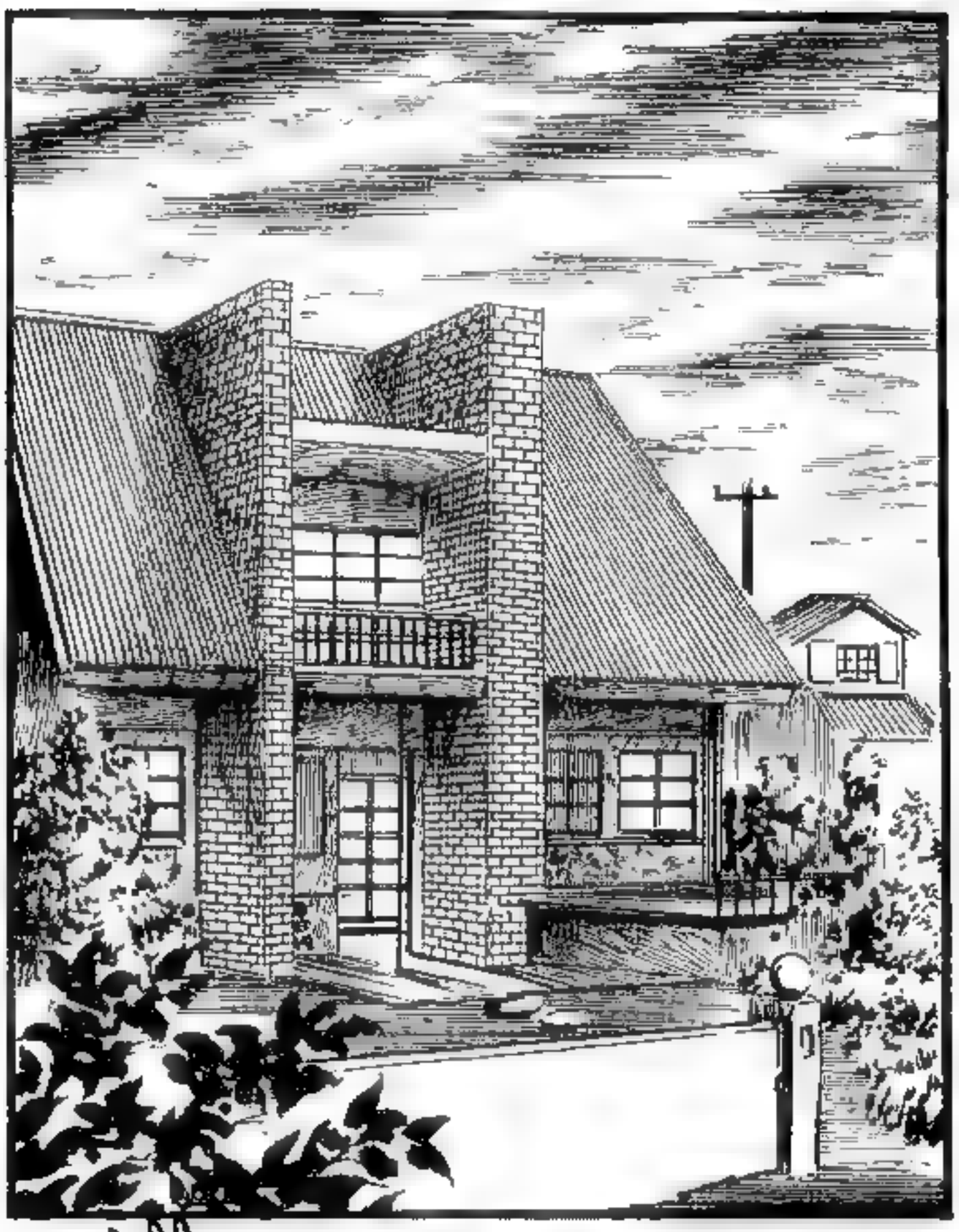
YU, WHY DON'T WE GO TO MY HOUSE !?

WASN'T THAT THE COMPANY YOUR DAD RUNS?

BY THE WAY, I HEARD THAT KODA PHARMACEUTICALS WAS ATTACKED BY A LIZARD MONSTER LAST NIGHT...







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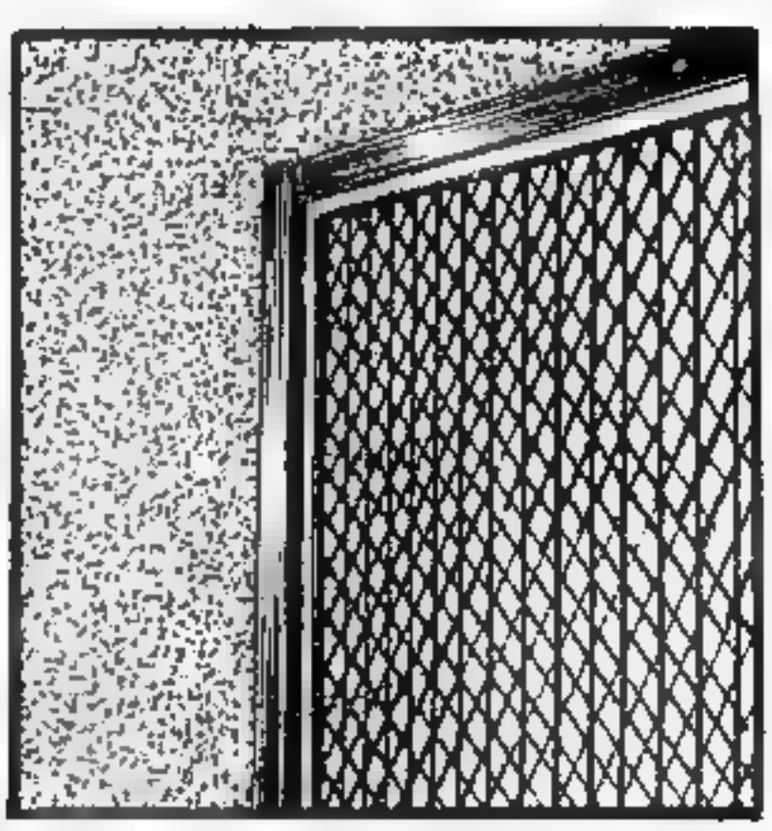

PHEW... I'M DRUNK...

NO, I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE...

AHHH... THIS FEELS GREAT! LET'S HAVE ANOTHER ROUND!

HERE! THIS'LL MAKE YOU LOOK COOLER!

HAHAHA! DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE A LIGHTWEIGHT!

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OH! GREAT! YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD!

WAAUGH! COUGH! COUGH! ACCCK! PAAH!

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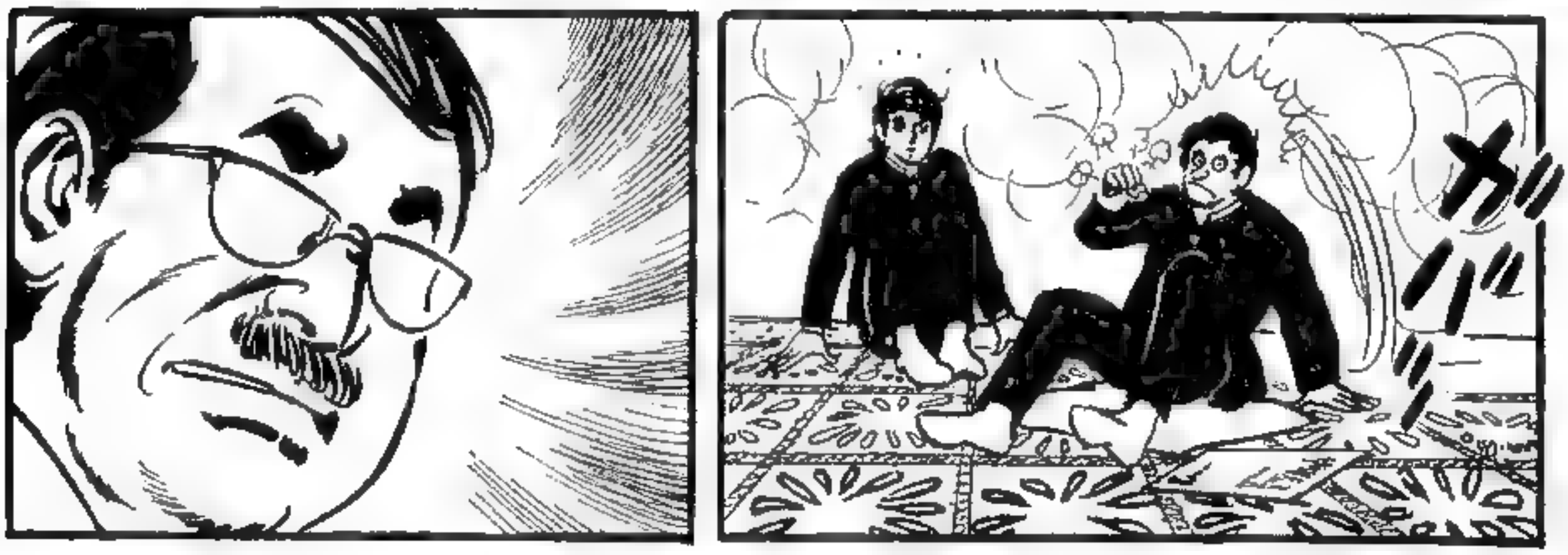

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YOU'RE TAKING THE UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS NEXT YEAR! WHY CAN'T YOU FOCUS ON YOUR STUDIES?

YOU'RE A HIGH SCHOOLER ...

I WANT FRIENDS!

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FRIENDS?

...THINKING THAT IT'S A DOG-EAT-DOG WORLD OUT THERE, LIKE YOU KEEP SAYING...

HMPF. IF I WENT THROUGH LIFE...

...THEN I'LL NEVER MAKE A SINGLE FRIEND!

...IS MORE LIKE THE LIZARD MONSTER THAT ATTACKED US YESTERDAY.

A REAL ANIMAL...

IDIOT...

WE'RE NOT ANIMALS...

CAN'T WE JUST LET SPIDER-MAN TAKE CARE OF IT!?

COME TO THINK OF IT, HE DISAPPEARED EVER SINCE THAT INCIDENT.

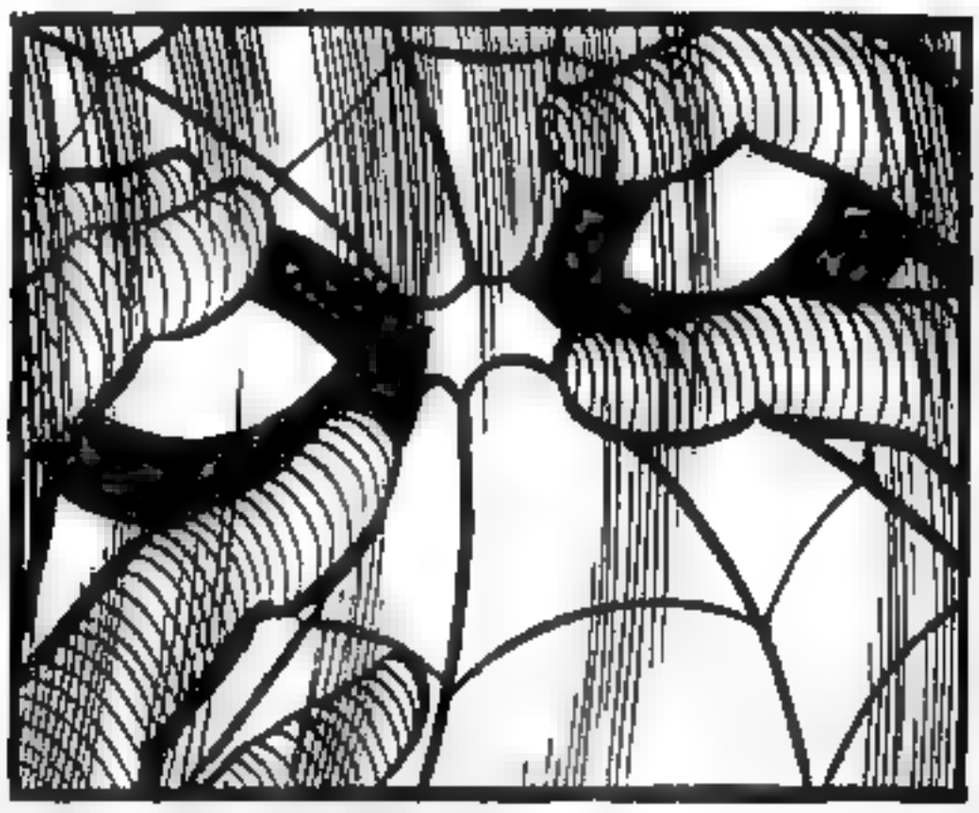
WHERE IS HE NOW?

YEAH. HE'S THE GUY THAT BEAT ELECTRO.

SPIDER-MAN?

DON'T MENTION IT...

I'M SO SORRY YOU HAD TO SEE THIS...



JUST A DREAM ...

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...TO RAISE MONEY FOR HER MOTHER'S HOSPITAL FEE...

I FOUGHT ELECTRO TO THE DEATH FOR RUMI, ...

AND I KILLED HER BROTHER WITH MY SUPER-POWERS...

...BUT ELECTRO WAS RUMI'S BROTHER.

IT'S A GOOD THING I KEPT IT A SECRET...

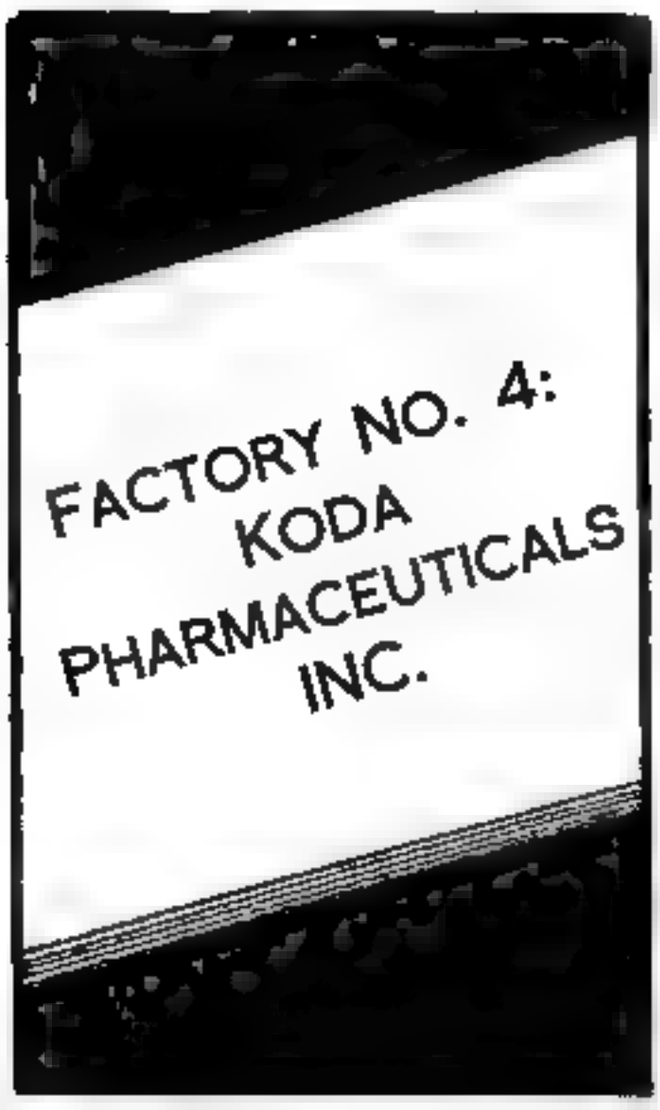
...I FEARED MY OWN SUPERPOWERS.

EVER SINCE THEN...

RUMI'S BROTHER WASN'T A VILLAIN AS MUCH AS HE WAS AN UNFORTUNATE MAN THAT LOST TO THE EVILS OF SOCIETY...

...EVER AGAIN!

AND I DECIDED NEVER TO USE MY SUPERPOWERS...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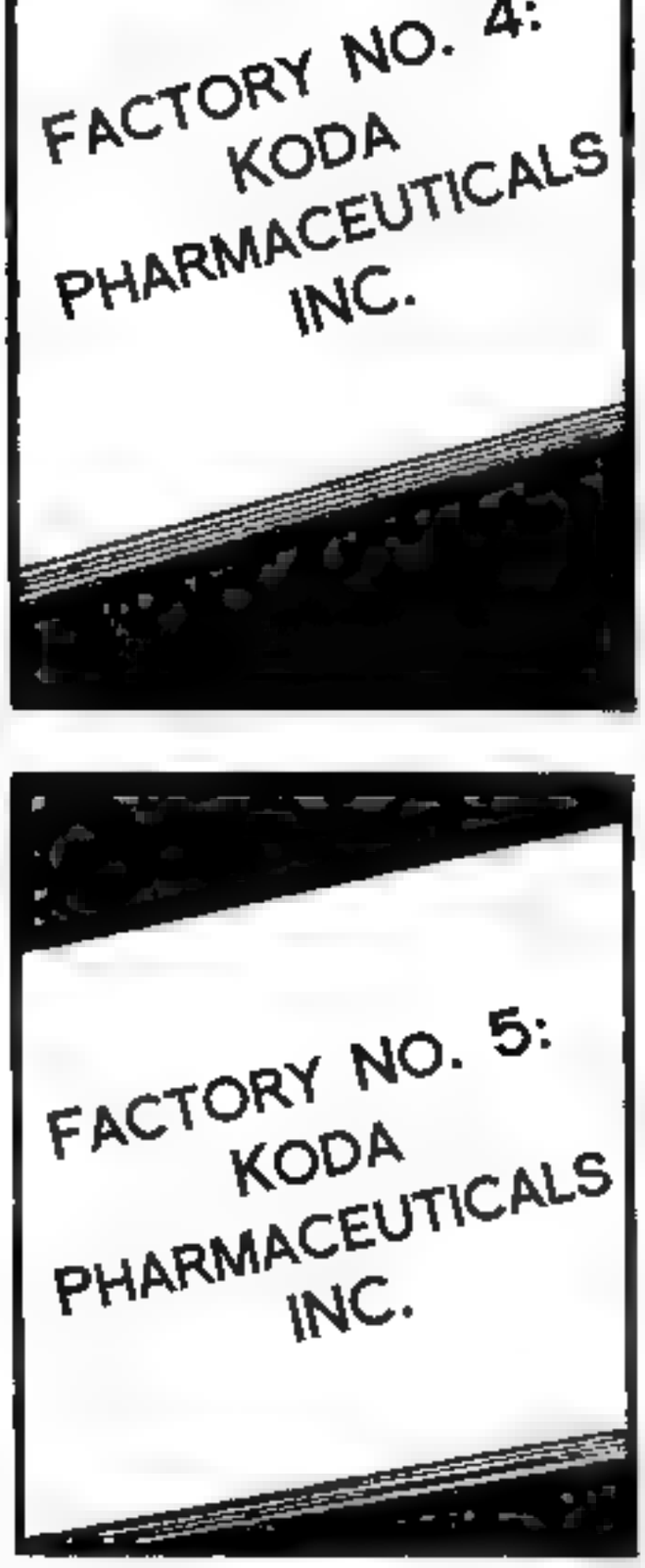
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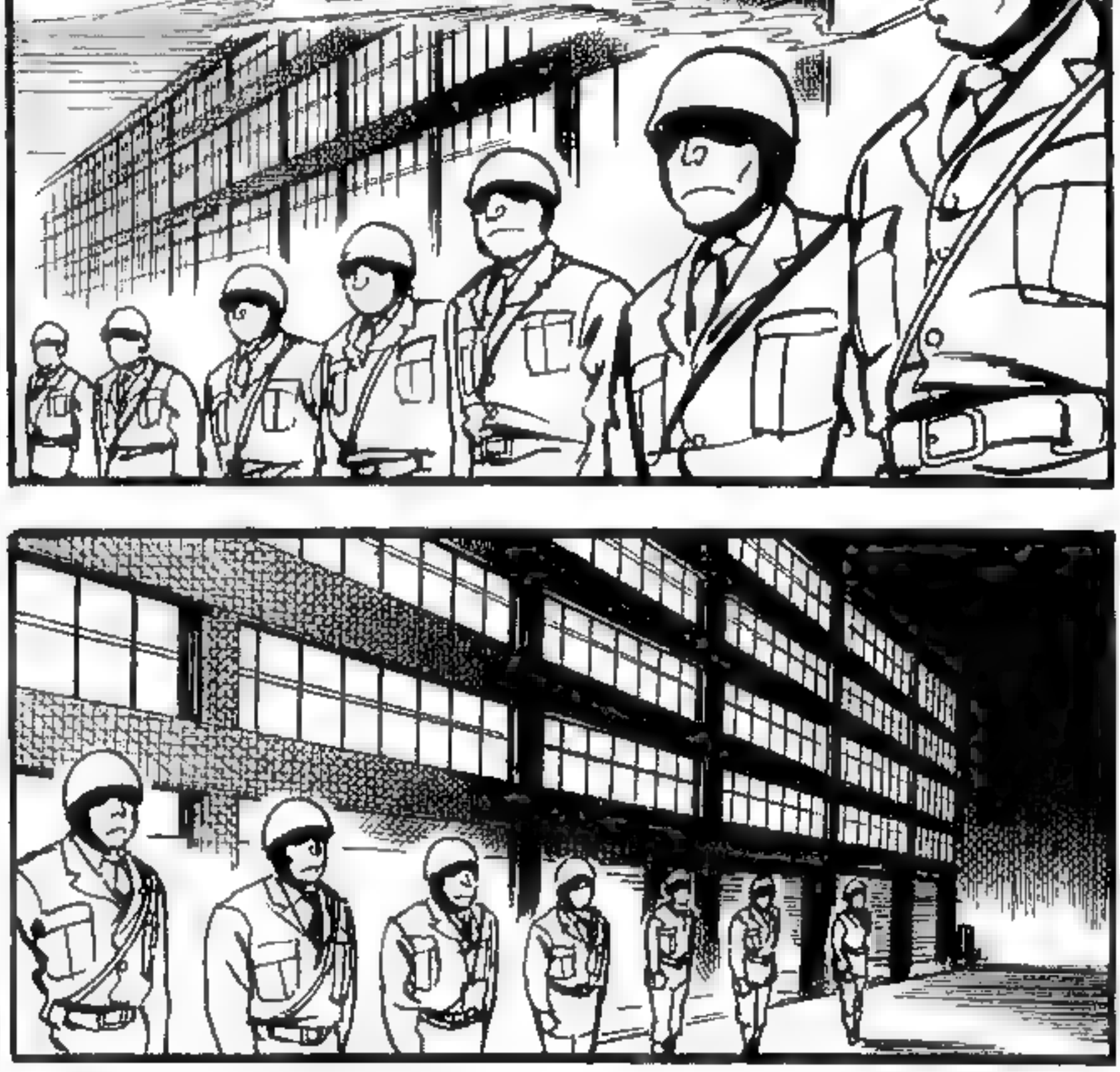

THEY'LL PUMP HIM FULL OF LEAD ON SIGHT.

...NOT EVEN THAT MONSTER CAN ENTER THE FACTORY WITH ALL THOSE ARMED OFFICERS ON GUARD.

WELL, PRESIDENT, I'M GOING TO GO CHECK ON THE GUARD.

THEN WE'LL EXPOSE THE ONES CONTROLLING HIM AND MAKE THEM PAY FOR THE DAMAGES!

WHAT WAS HIS NAME?

UH, SOMEONE JUST WENT INTO THE FACTORY SAYING HE WAS FROM THE COMPANY ...

UHH... HIS NAME WAS...

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WHY DID THAT MONSTER HAVE TO SHOW UP JUST AS WE WERE GETTING OUR NEW DRUG READY..?

WHY!?

AND HOW DID THE MONSTER COME OUT WHEN ONLY ONE MAN ENTERED THE FACTORY..?

HE'S DEFLECTING ALL OUR BULLETS!

I-IT'S NO USE!

AFTER IT! AFTER IT!

IT'S GETTING AWAY!

AFTER ITS RIOT WAS OVER, IT LOOKED BACK AT THE ARMED POLICE AND DISAPPEARED INTO NOTHING-NESS.

STRANGELY ENOUGH, NO ONE WITNESSED THE MONSTER ENTERING THE FACTORY.

TRANS-FORMED ..?

..IS IF THE MAN THAT ENTERED THE FACTORY TRANSFORMED INTO THE MONSTER..

THE ONLY POSSIBLE EXPLANATION..

Y-YES, AUNT!

YU, YOU'D BETTER EAT UP OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!

THAT'S INSANE! A HUMAN CAN'T TRANSFORM INTO A LIZARD ...

...MY DAD'S REALLY DEPRESSED.

WELL UNLESS THEY START FROM SCRATCH, MY OLD MAN'S SECRET DOCUMENTS ARE THEIR ONLY HOPE OF MANUFACTURING THE DRUG.

AND COMPLETELY MESSED UP THE DRUG HE CREATED HIMSELF.

HIS COMPANY GOT ATTACKED BY THAT MONSTER TWICE...

NOW I'M FEELING KINDA SORRY FOR HIM..

YEAH.

ARAKI, DIDN'T YOUR FATHER INJURE HIS HEAD?

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

YU! ARE WE ALMOST AT YOUR ACQUAINTANCE'S HOUSE?

THAT'S WHY I CAME TO YOU, TO SEE IF I COULD FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS MONSTER.

I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A WHOLE YEAR, BUT HE TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT BIOLOGY.

THIS MAN'S A SCIENTIST I RESPECT, AND HE'S RESEARCHING BIOLOGY.

YOU'RE A GREAT GUY...

HUH?

YU...

THE PROFESSOR MAY BE ABLE TO TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THE TRANS-FORMATION.

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PROFESSOR..
YOU LOOK PALE.

YU?

SO WHAT DID YOU WANT TO ASK ME ABOUT...

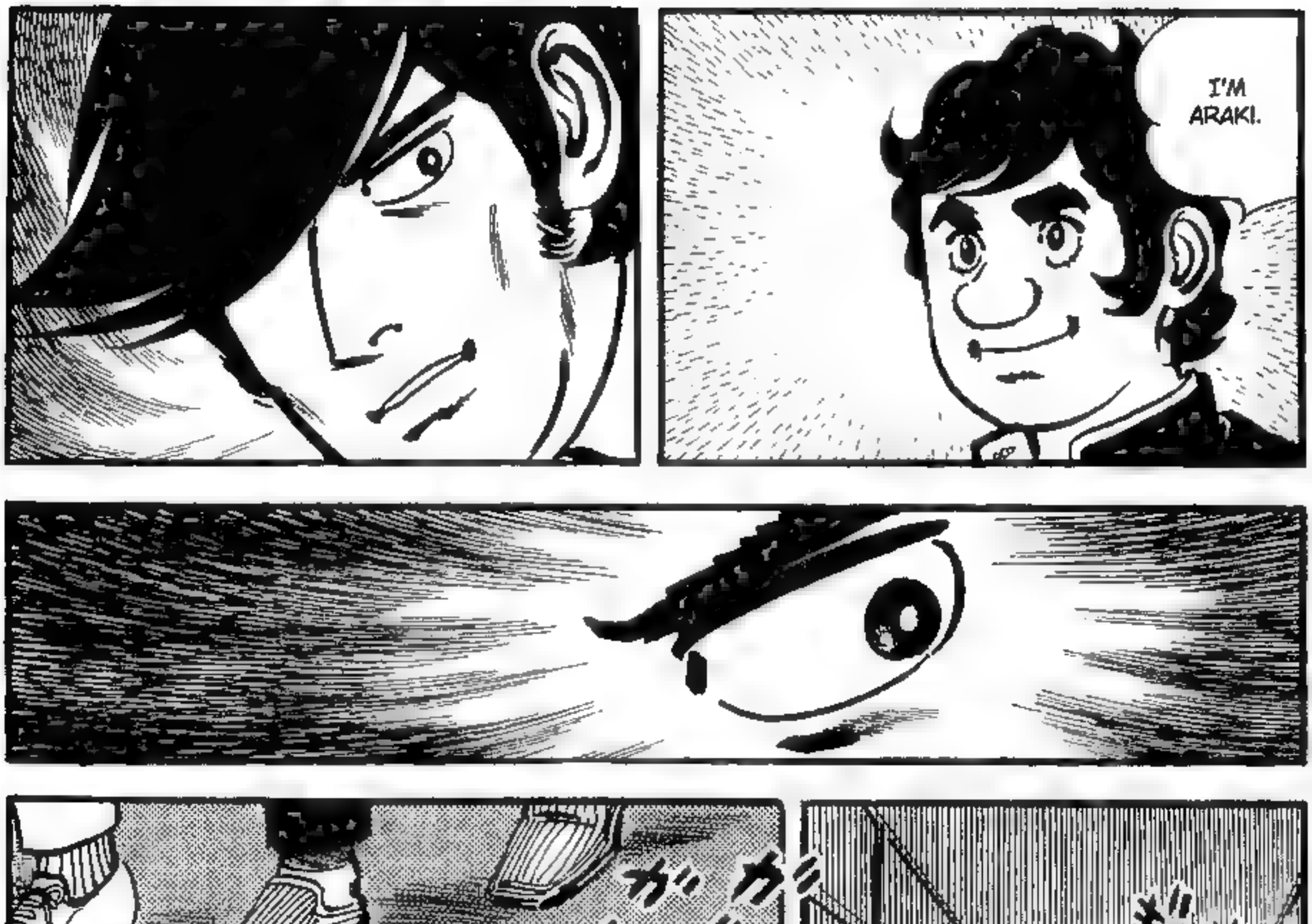
HMM... Y-YOU THINK SO..?

WELL, THING IS...

WHAT!?

YEAH... ARAKI'S DAD'S COMPANY WAS ATTACKED BY THE LIZARD MONSTER TWICE.

WHAT? IS IT POSSIBLE FOR A HUMAN TO TRANSFORM INTO A LIZARD?


I'M ARAKI.

HE SEEMED PRETTY CREEPY TO ME...

THAT SAID ...

IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE FOR A HUMAN TO TRANSFORM INTO A LIZARD..?

SO, THE PROFESSOR INSISTED HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT TRANS-FORMATIONS...

I DIDN'T NOTICE...

BLOOD ..?

AND THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT LOOKED LIKE BLOOD ON THE FLOOR..

HE WASN'T LIKE THAT BEFORE. HE WASN'T AS SKINNY...

UWAAUGH!
THAT WAS DEFINITELY BLOOD.
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UWAAAAAAGH!

ARAKI !!

YU!

WAIT!

OH, CRAP! ARAKI'S BEING KID-NAPPED!

AH!

WHY
DID I..?

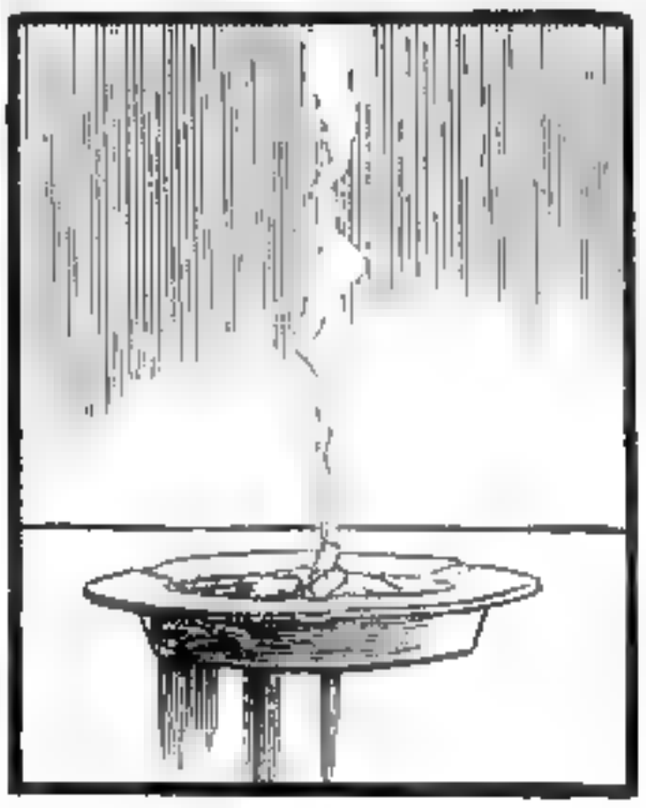
WHY DID I HESITATE!?

I COULD'VE SAVED ARAKI IF I'D USED MY SUPERPOWERS...

I'M SUCH A COWARD...

...I JUST LET MY FRIEND GET KIDNAPPED IN FRONT OF MY EYES...

...STILL ALIVE..?
IS HE...



I DON'T KNOW AT ALL...

I DON'T KNOW...

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BUT WHY... WHY DID THE LIZARD KIDNAP YOUR SON..?

...THAT SEEMS LIKE A PERSONAL GRUDGE TO ME.

IF YOUR SON WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS KIDNAPPED...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

WHO'S THERE?

MMMM...

KEHHEHHE... IT'S ME... THE LIZARD_

_IF YOU WANT YOUR SON BACK

YOU WILL NOT CREATE THAT NEW DRUG...

CONTACT THE POLICE AND YOUR SON'S DEAD!

BRING THE DOCUMENTS WITH THE FORMULA AND COME TO K ZOO!

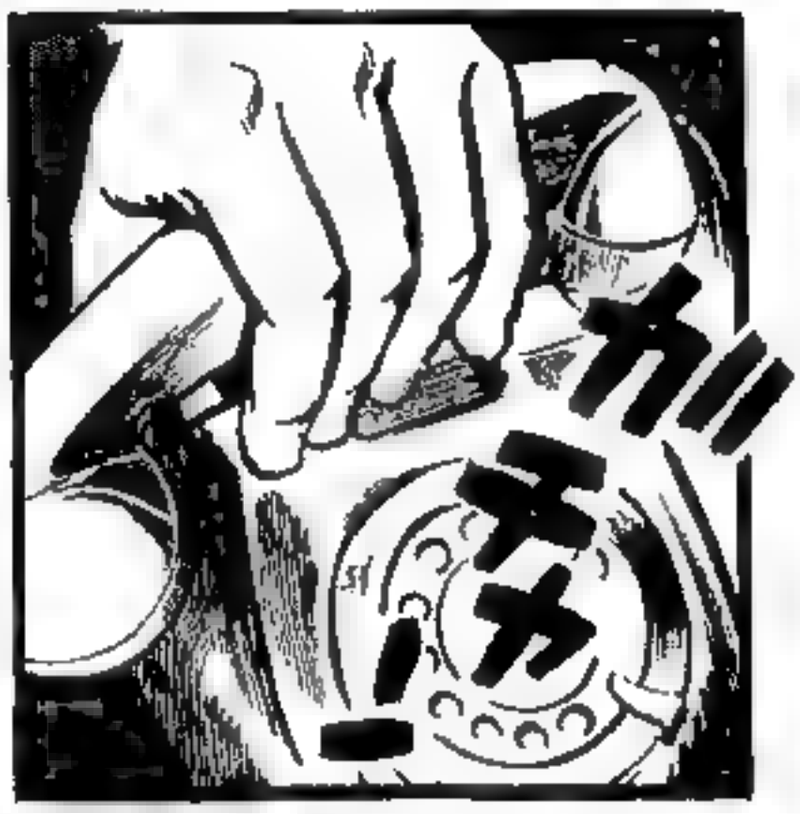
KEHEHE_ ARE THOSE DOCUMENTS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN YOUR SON?

B-BUT WITHOUT THOSE DOCUMENTS..!

WHAT TIME..?

MEOW

SHHHH...



NOTHING'S WRONG!
PLEASE GO HOME, DETECTIVES!

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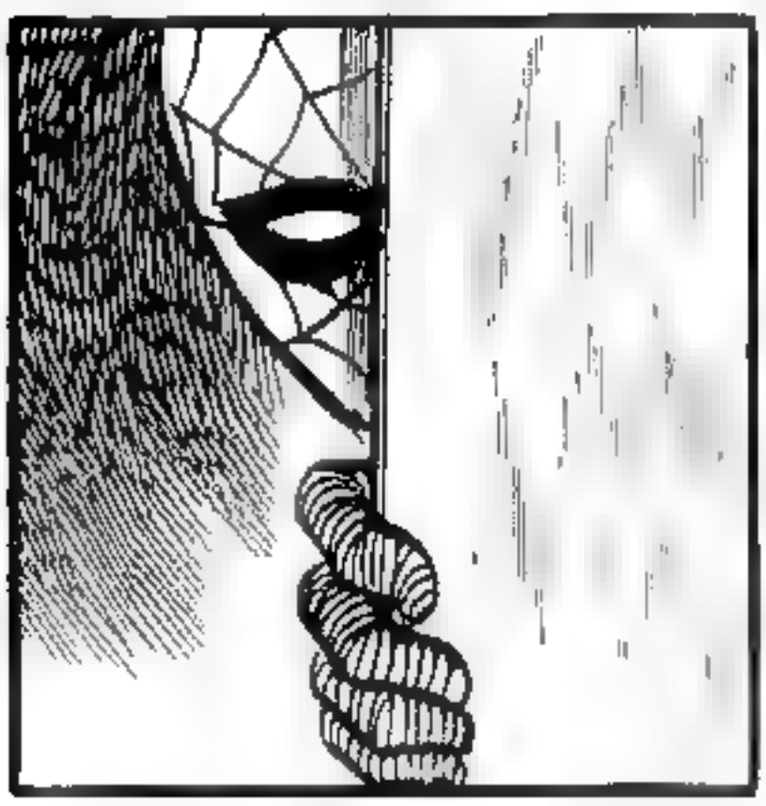
WHO WAS THAT YOU WERE TALKING TO?



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W-WHO'S THERE!?

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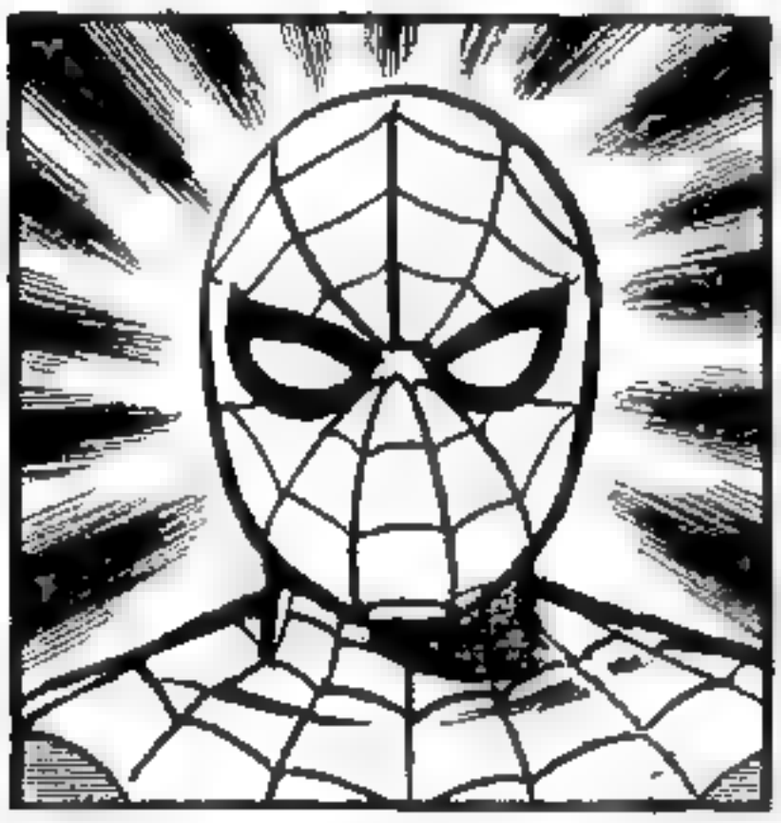
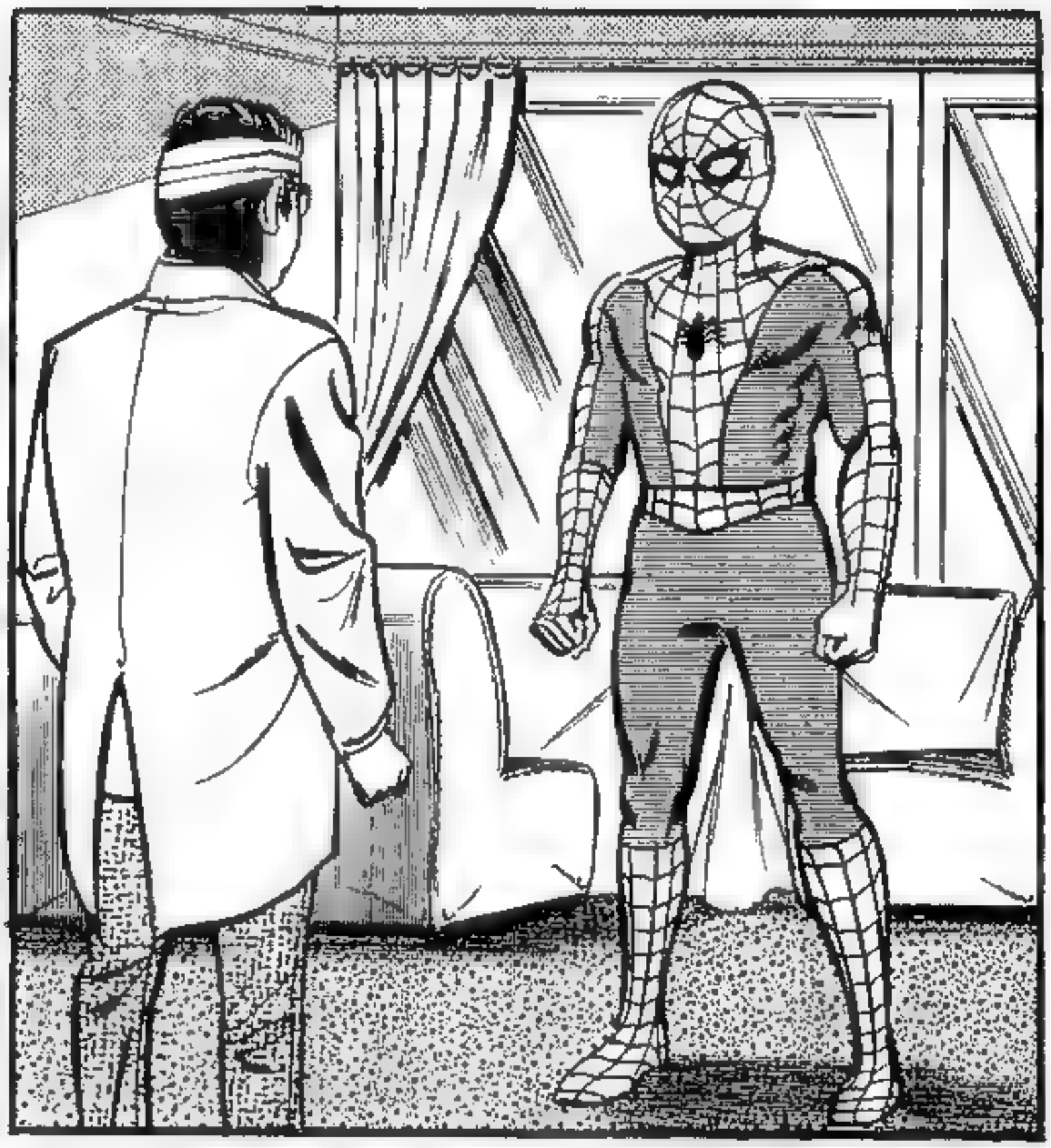
I'M SURE I'VE HEARD IT FROM SOME-WHERE...
THAT VOICE...

SPIDER-MAN!

SPIDER-MAN?

Y- YOU'RE ...





HUH!?

I HEARD EVERYTHING... FROM THAT PHONE CALL.

HAVE YOU BEEN HANGING ON MY CEILING THIS WHOLE TIME?

...I STILL DON'T BELIEVE A HUMAN CAN TRANSFORM INTO A LIZARD.

BUT...

I HEARD IT WITH MY SPIDER-HEARING.

...IF THE DOCUMENTS ARE STOLEN...

MY SON'S LIFE IS PRECIOUS! BUT...

HELP ME, SPIDER-MAN!

I'LL... I'LL...

...AFTER YOUR SON IS SAFE!

I UNDERSTAND. BUT YOUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO STEAL THE DOCUMENTS BACK...

IF ONLY MY SON COULD BE SAVED WITHOUT GIVING HIM THE DOCUMENTS ...

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...HAS BECOME A LIZARD EVEN TO THE CORE!

THAT LIZARD MAN...

HE'S CAUSED MASSIVE DAMAGE TO THE COMPANY...

PLEASE, DEFEAT HIM!

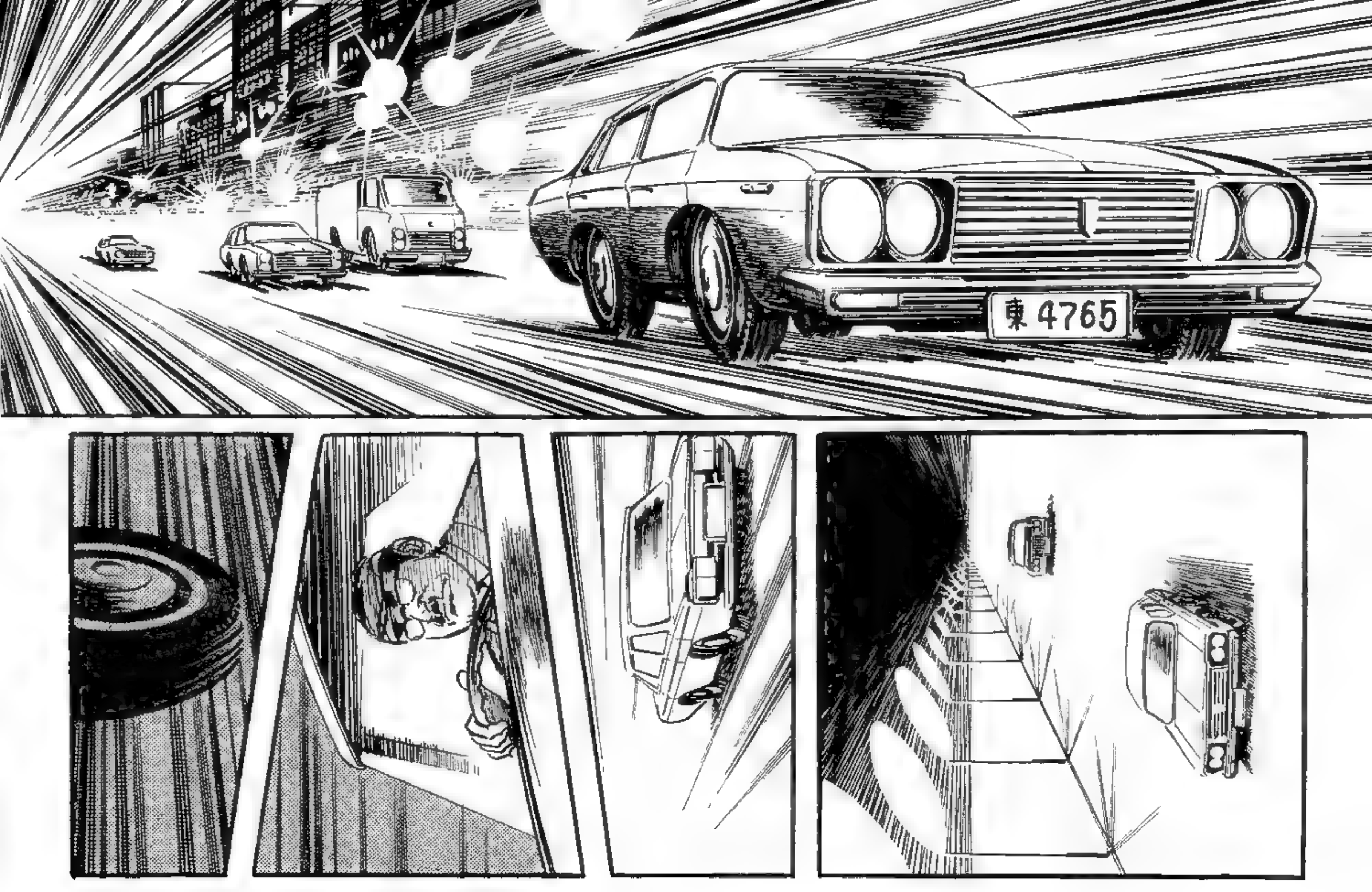
HE IS AN ANIMAL!

THE LIZARD CHOSE THE ZOO AS HIS MEETING SPOT... AND THAT'S WHERE ALL THE ANIMALS ARE.

AN ANIMAL ...

THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE!

DEAR, I CAN'T FIND KOMORI...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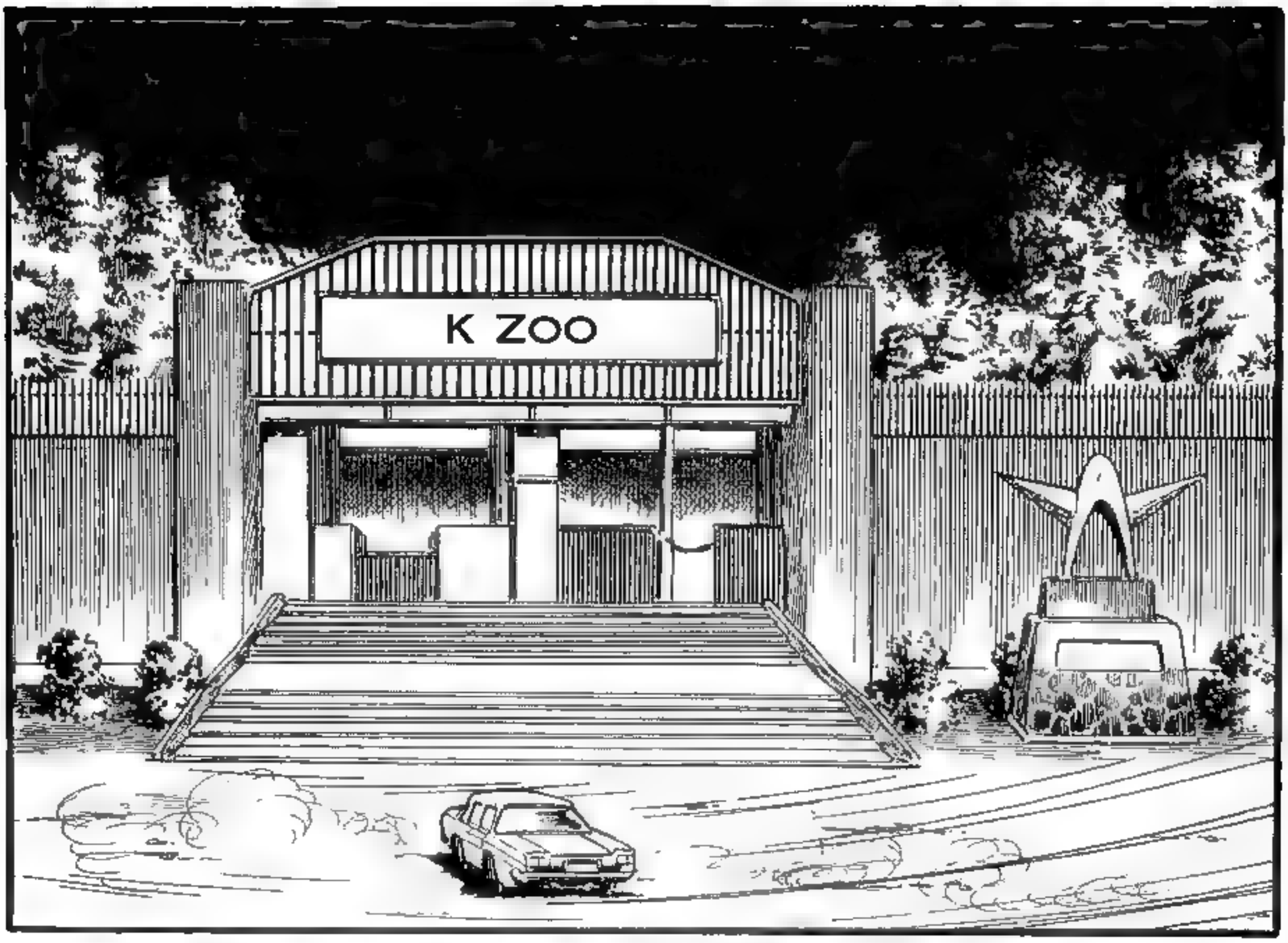
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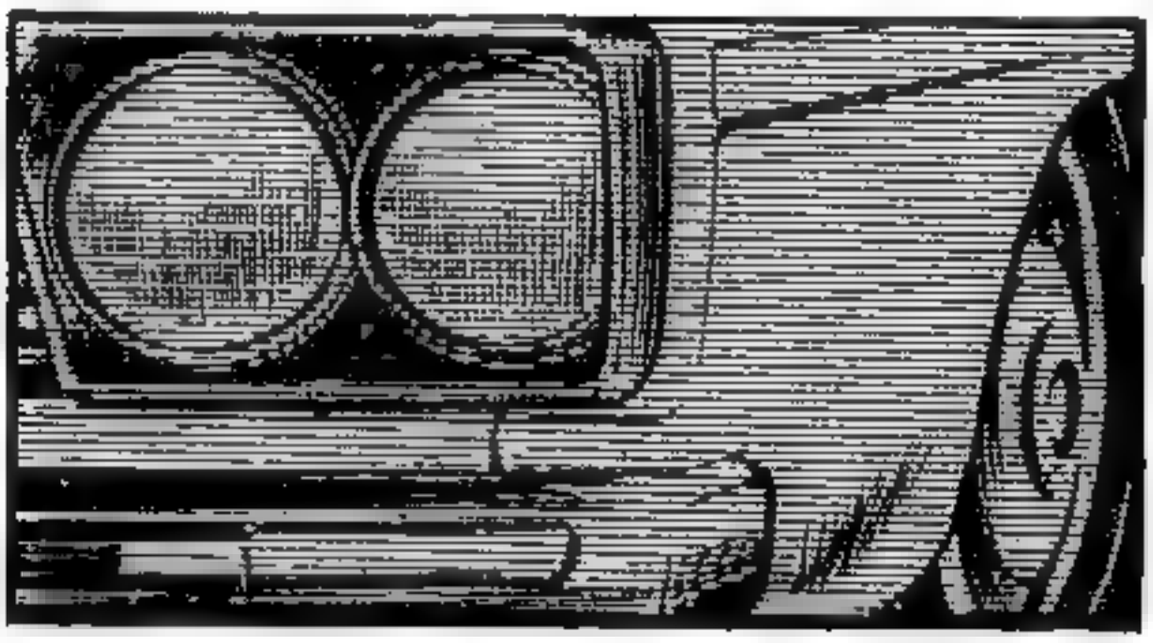

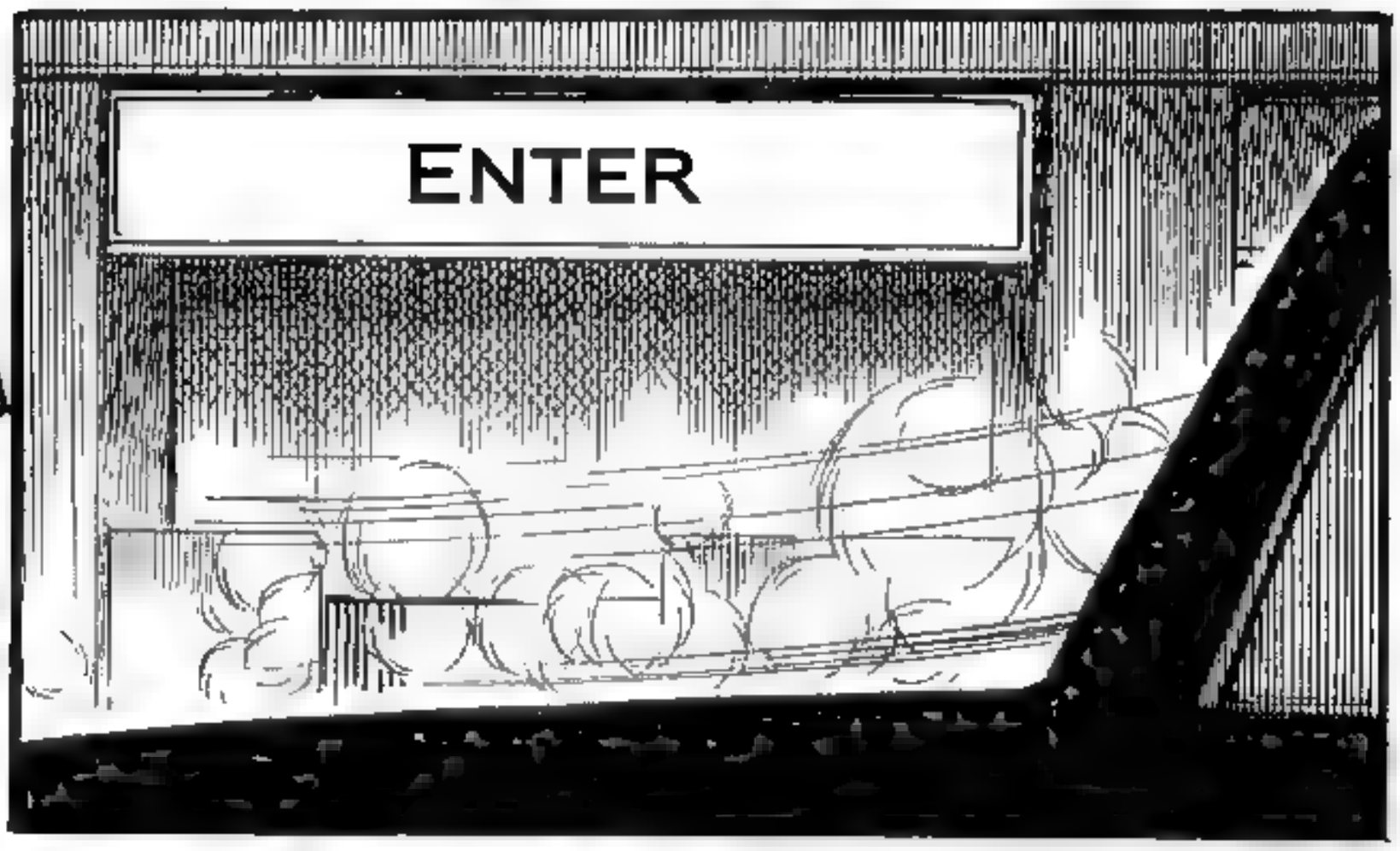
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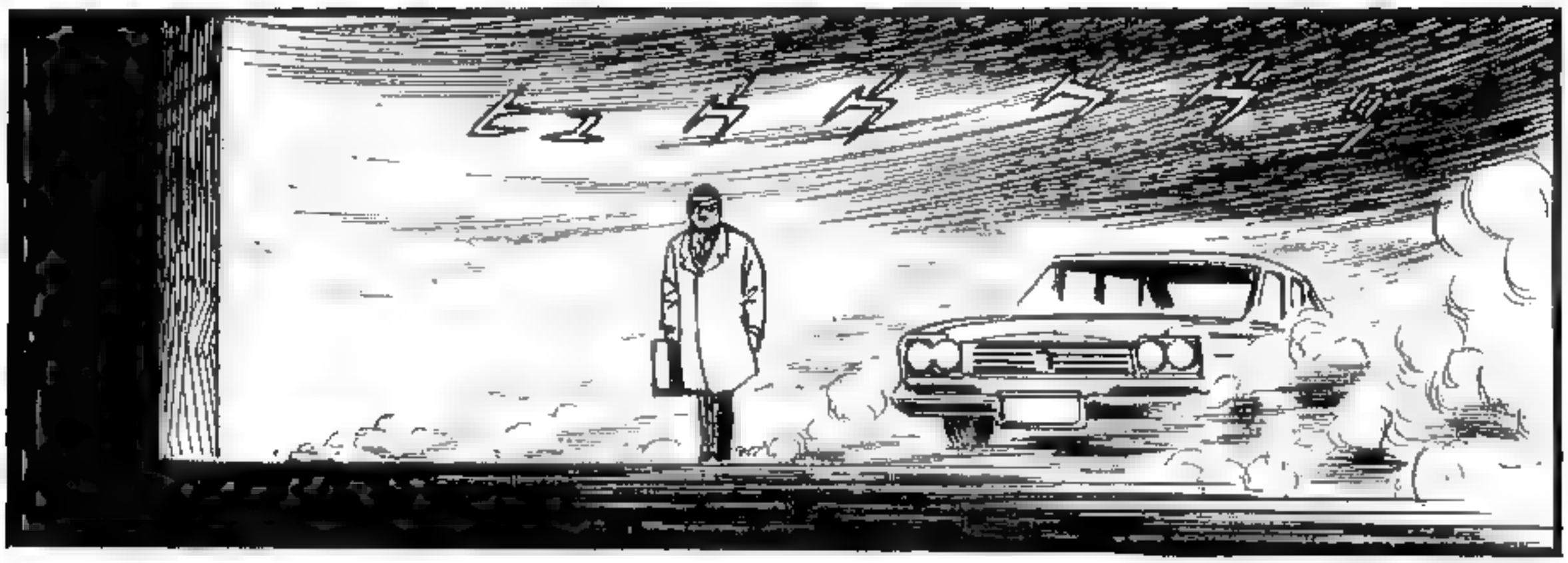
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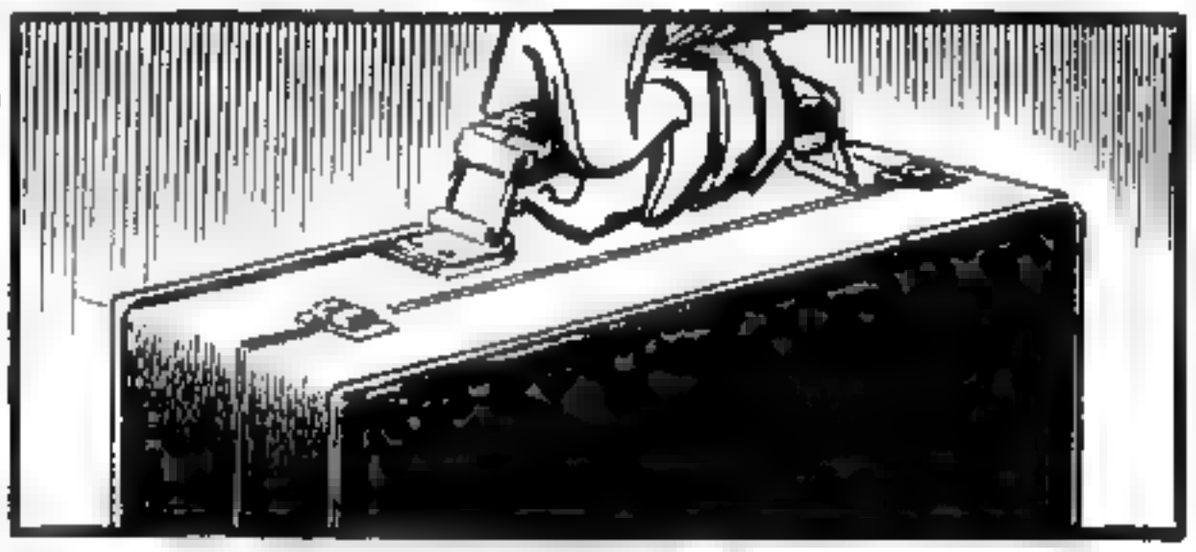
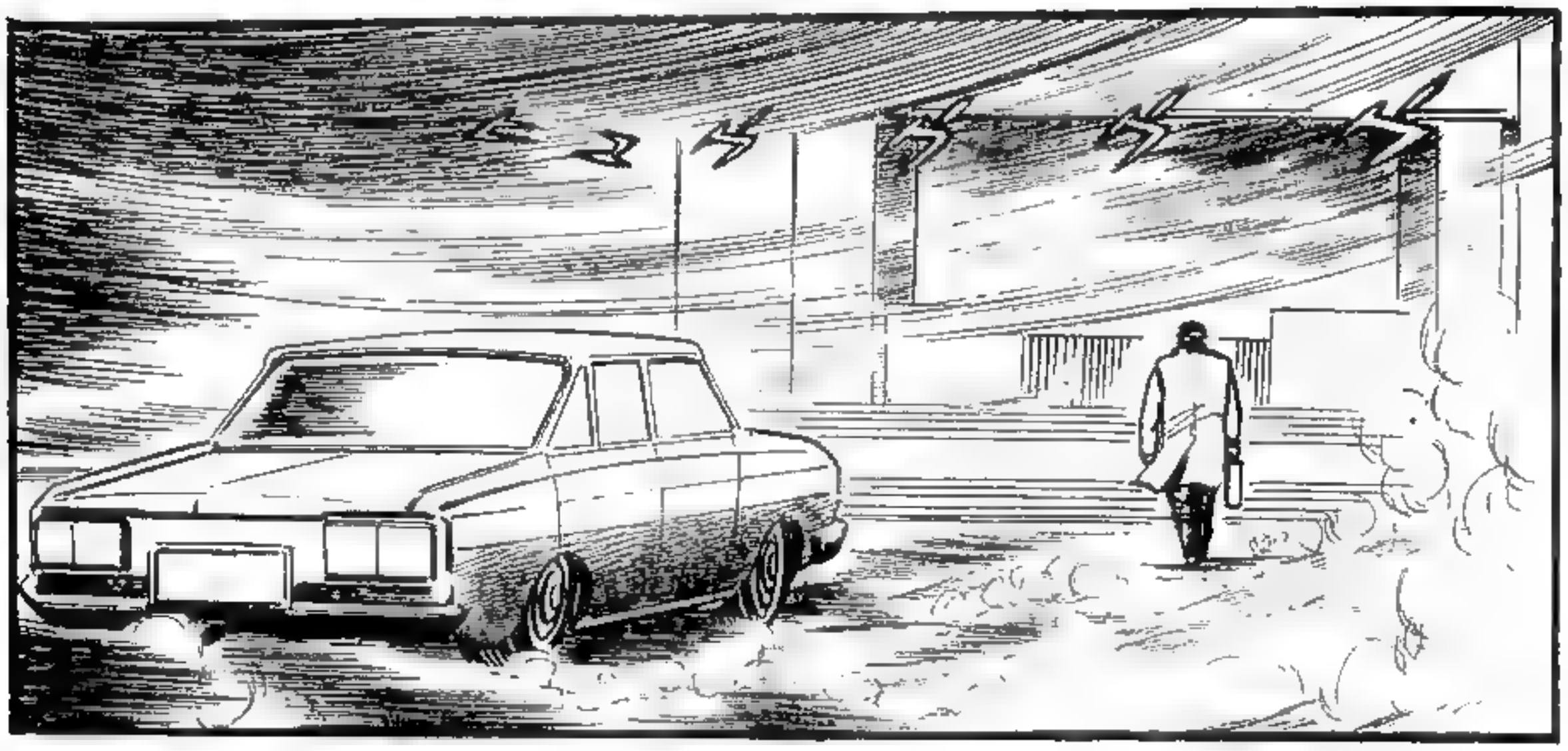
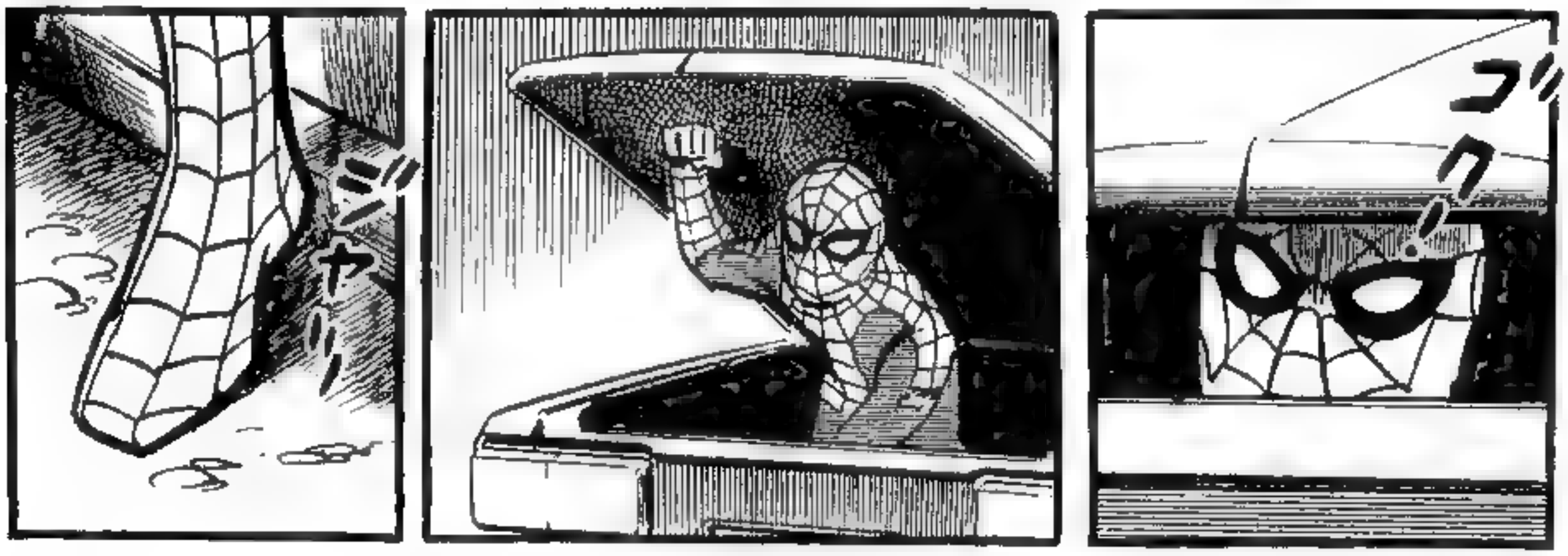
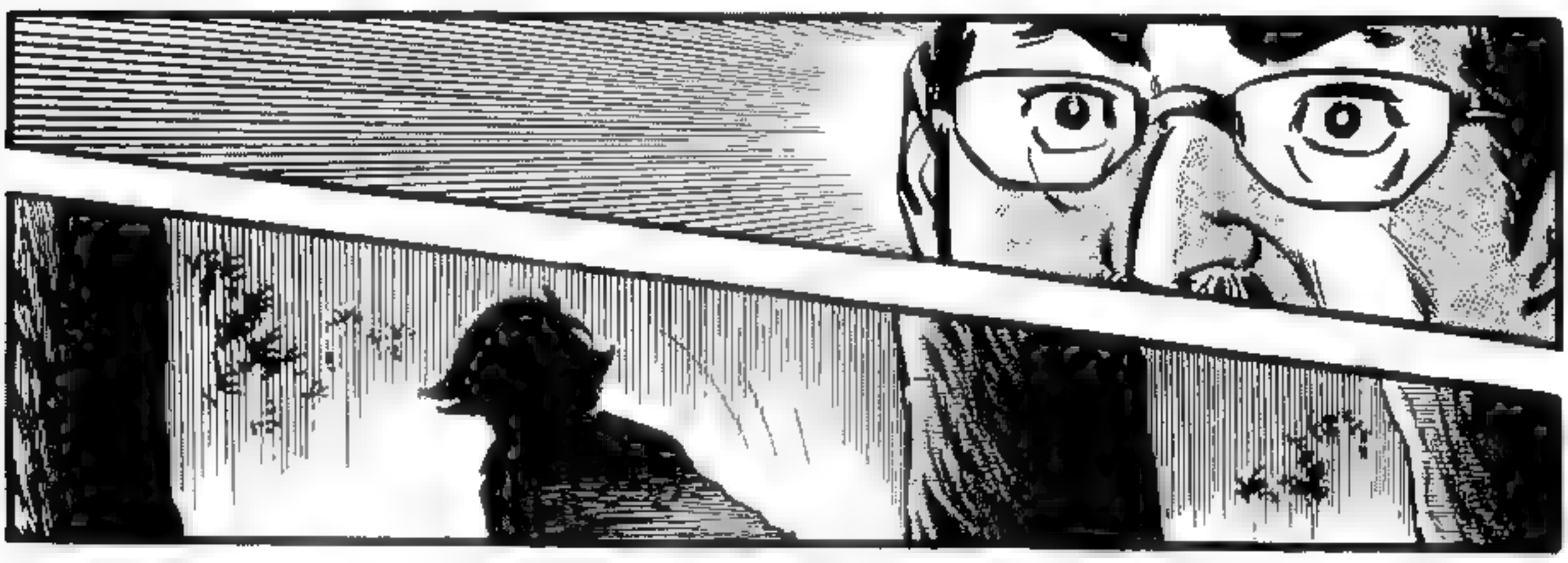






NOW'S THE TIME TO USE MY SUPER POWERS.
I CAN'T JUST ABANDON MY FRIEND!



SO IT WAS YOU..!

I THOUGHT I HEARD YOUR VOICE BEFORE...

C-COULD HE BE..?

AH! PROFESSOR INUMARU!

I AM THE LIZARD!

YES...

THEN I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE YOUR SON IS.

HAND OVER THE DOCU-MENTS.

S-SO YOU TRANS-FORMED..?

PROFESSOR INUMARU CAN'T BE THE VIOLENT LIZARD MONSTER.. THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

SOMEONE ELSE MUST BE THE MONSTER!

HE'S SUCH A NICE GUY...

HMM.. THEY WENT IN THERE.

BUT... IF THE PROFESSOR IS CONTROLLING THE LIZARD...

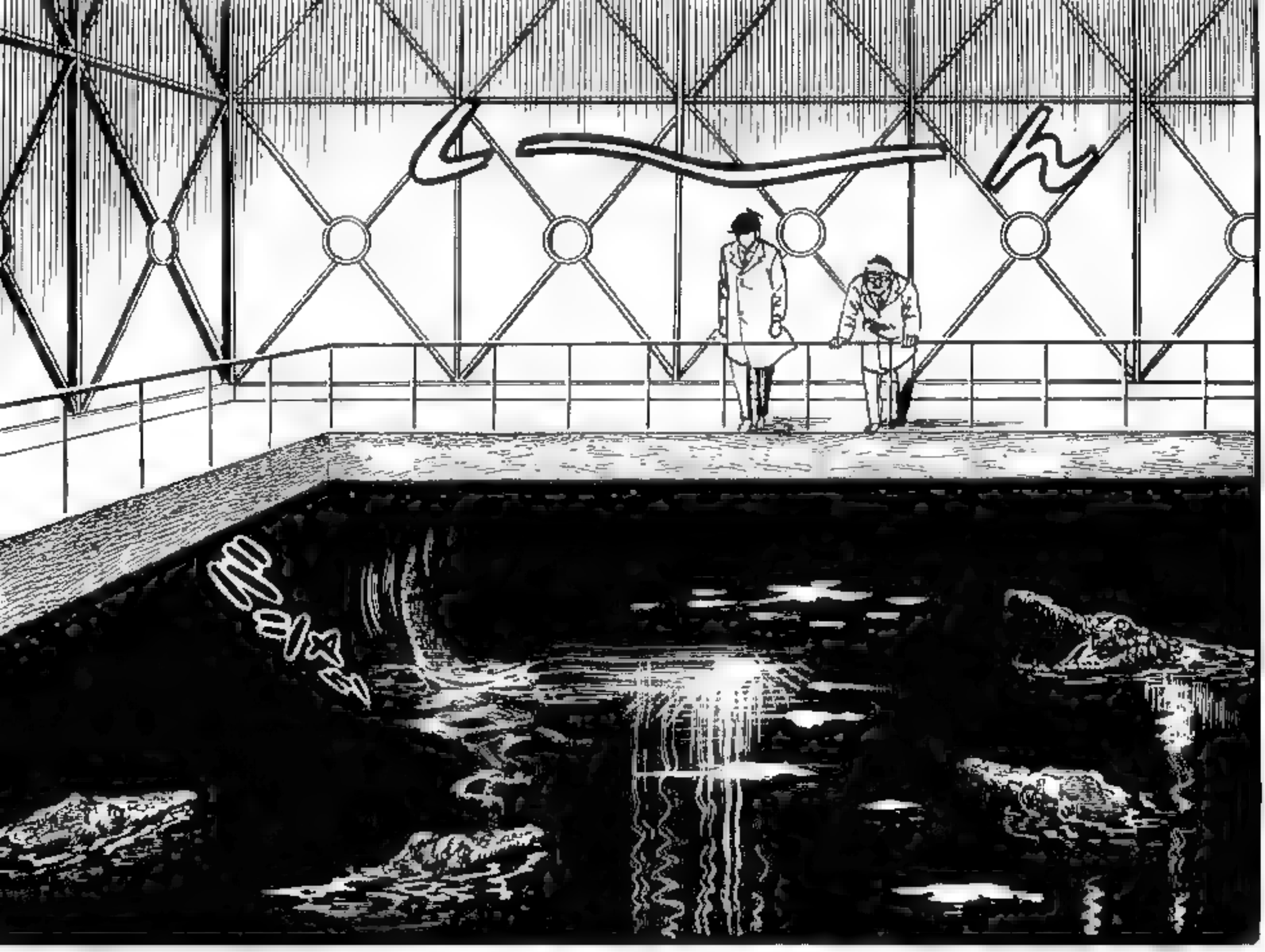
THAT'S WHERE...

INSET: EEK!

I'LL LOOK IN THROUGH THAT WINDOW.

HEHEHE... THEY DON'T NOTICE ME!

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?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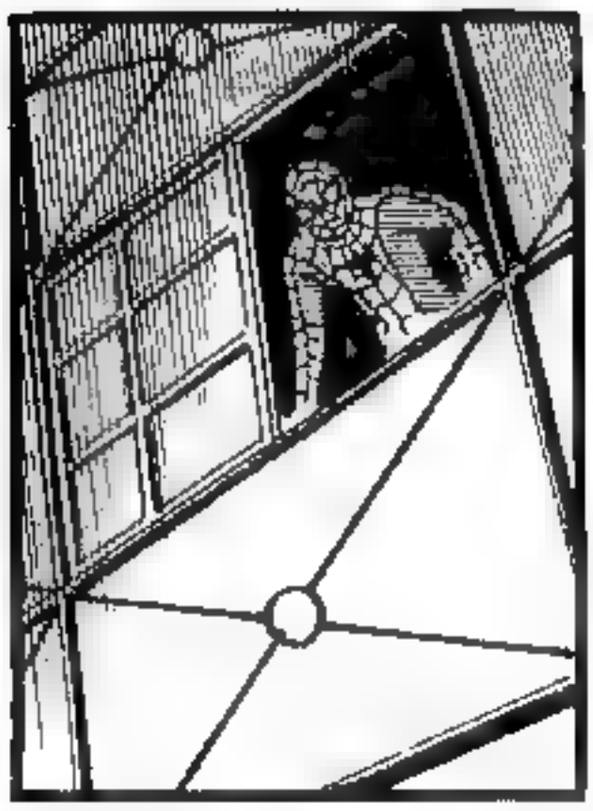

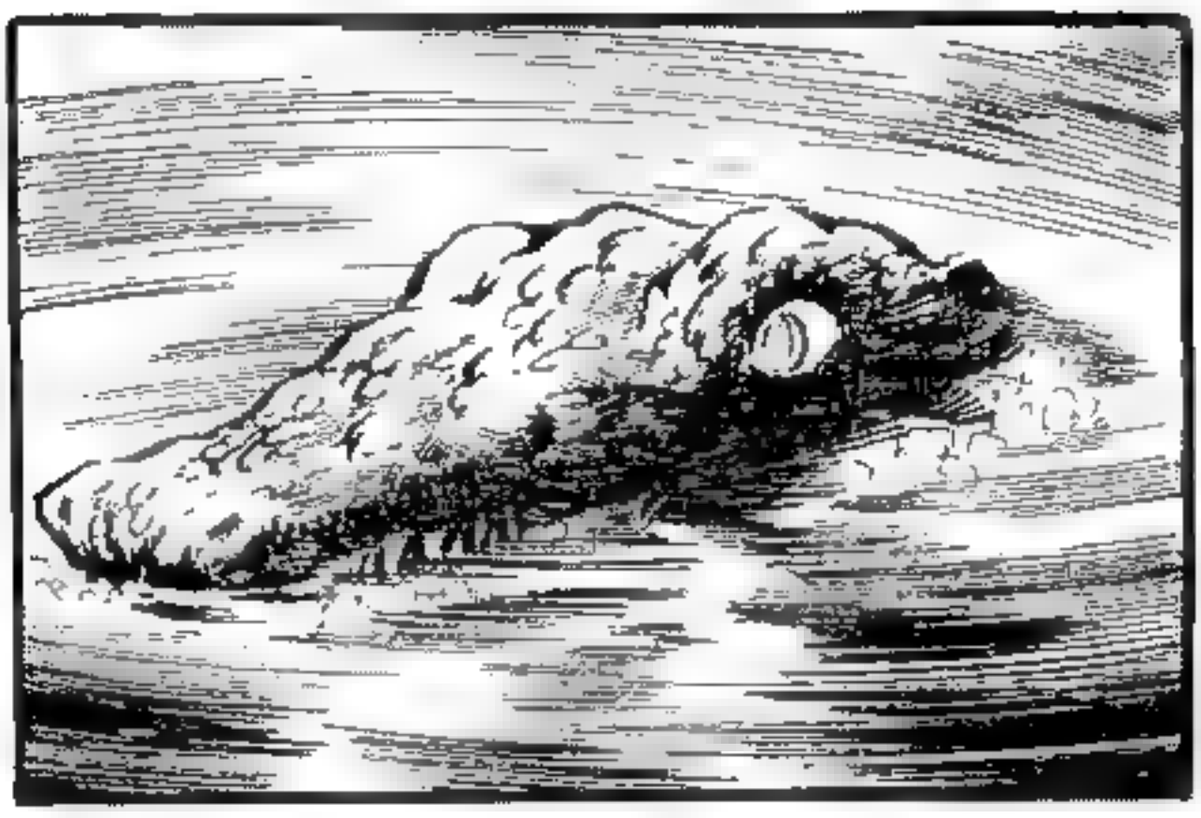

BY THE WAY, YOUR SON IS FAST ASLEEP. I GAVE HIM SOME SLEEPING PILLS.
HEH HEH HEH...

WHOA!

W-WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I WAS THINKING OF MAKING HIM MY NEXT MEAL...

...INSANE!?

I-IS THE PROFESSOR..

HUH?

WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED?

...YOU WOULD HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT A MOMENT'S THOUGHT...

IF IT WERE YOU...

ONE YEAR AGO...

.....?

...WERE TRAVELLING THROUGH THE ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC... TO DISCOVER A NEW DRUG AS RESEARCHERS FROM THE JAPANESE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION...

...YOU AND I...

...TO CREATE A DRUG THAT COULD INCREASE THE AVERAGE LIFESPAN BY TEN YEARS...

THEN WE BEGAN COMPILING DOCUMENTS OF THE PRODUCTION METHOD...

...FROM A HERB USED BY THE LOCALS!

AND WE FINALLY DISCOVERED A NEW DRUG...

HUH? ARAKI'S FATHER ..!?

BUT THAT NIGHT, YOU PUSHED ME OFF A CLIFF!

UNTIL THEN... I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THAT KIND OF PERSON!

HEHEHEHE... BUT I GUESS YOU FAILED TO KILL ME...

YOU... KEPT THE DOCUMENTS TO YOURSELF AND WENT BACK TO JAPAN...

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! .....

...WAS A VERY TERRIFYING PLACE...

...AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CLIFF...

...AND AFTER THAT...

...A WORLD OF ANIMALS... A WORLD OF SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.

YES... IT WAS INDEED ...

...WERE TRYING TO EAT ME...

COUNT-LESS GIANT LIZARDS ...

SO I COULD HAVE MY REVENGE AGAINST YOU!

I DID ALL I COULD TO SURVIVE...

I FOUGHT BACK...

...I SUDDENLY STARTED EXPERIENCING ZOANTHROPY!

THEN SUDDENLY, ONE DAY...

Z... ZOANTHROPY?

BECAUSE I WAS ATTACKED BY SO MANY LIZARDS...

.....

IN OTHER WORDS, TRANSFORMATION!

BEFORE LONG, AS I FELT THE PERVERTED STIMULATION IN MY NERVOUS SYSTEM, I FELT MY BODY TURNING INTO A LIZARD.

AND IN THE END, I WAS BOMBARDED BY IMPULSES TO KILL AND DESTROY.

...AND I BEGAN TO IMITATE THE LIZARDS' BEHAVIOR!

MY FEAR OF LIZARDS SUDDENLY FLIPPED INSIDE OUT, ...

AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I EVEN KILLED MY BELOVED WIFE...

NOW, WHENEVER I AM AROUSED, IT TURNS ME COMPLETELY INTO A LIZARD!

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SURVIVE IN THIS WORLD...

YOU'RE THE ANIMAL IN HUMAN CLOTHING!

BUT... DON'T FORGET!

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STOP!

UHHHH..!

I'LL GIVE HIM A TASTE OF MY TERROR!

WAAAA AAUGH!

CRAP!

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PROFESSOR ...

I'LL KILL YOU!

UNNGH... HOW DARE YOU INTERFERE WITH ME...

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SPIDER-MAN!

HE'S A MONSTER TRYING TO CRUSH MY FATHER'S COMPANY!
BEAT HIM UP, SPIDER-MAN! HURRY!
.....
WAAAAUGH! HE TRANSFORMED INTO A LIZARD!
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RUN!

IT'S ME! KOMORI!

PROFESSOR!

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HELLO, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT!?
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WHAT? THE LIZARD!?
WE NEED BACKUP AT K ZOO IMMEDIATELY!
THIS IS THE METRO-POLITAN POLICE DEPART-MENT!
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DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

P... PRO- FESSOR ...

URRGH ...

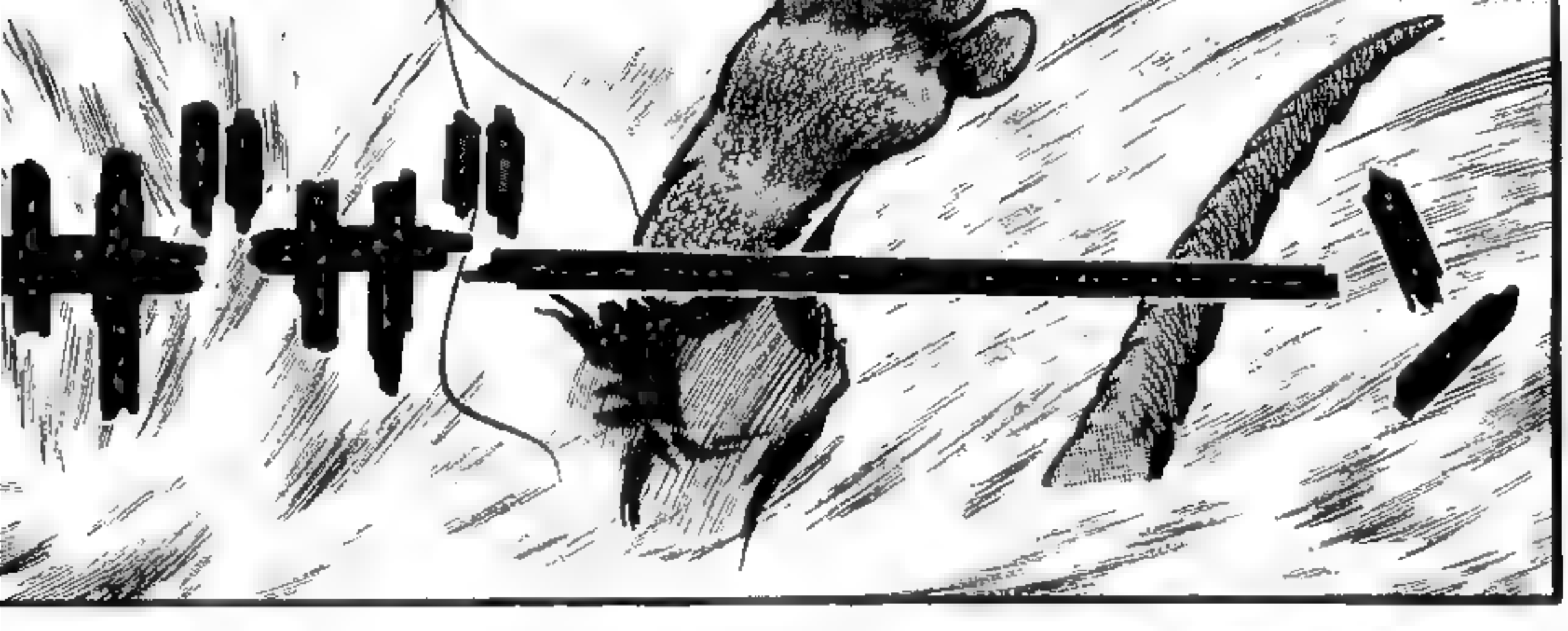
THE PROFESSOR'S BRAIN HAS COMPLETELY TURNED INTO A MONSTER'S!

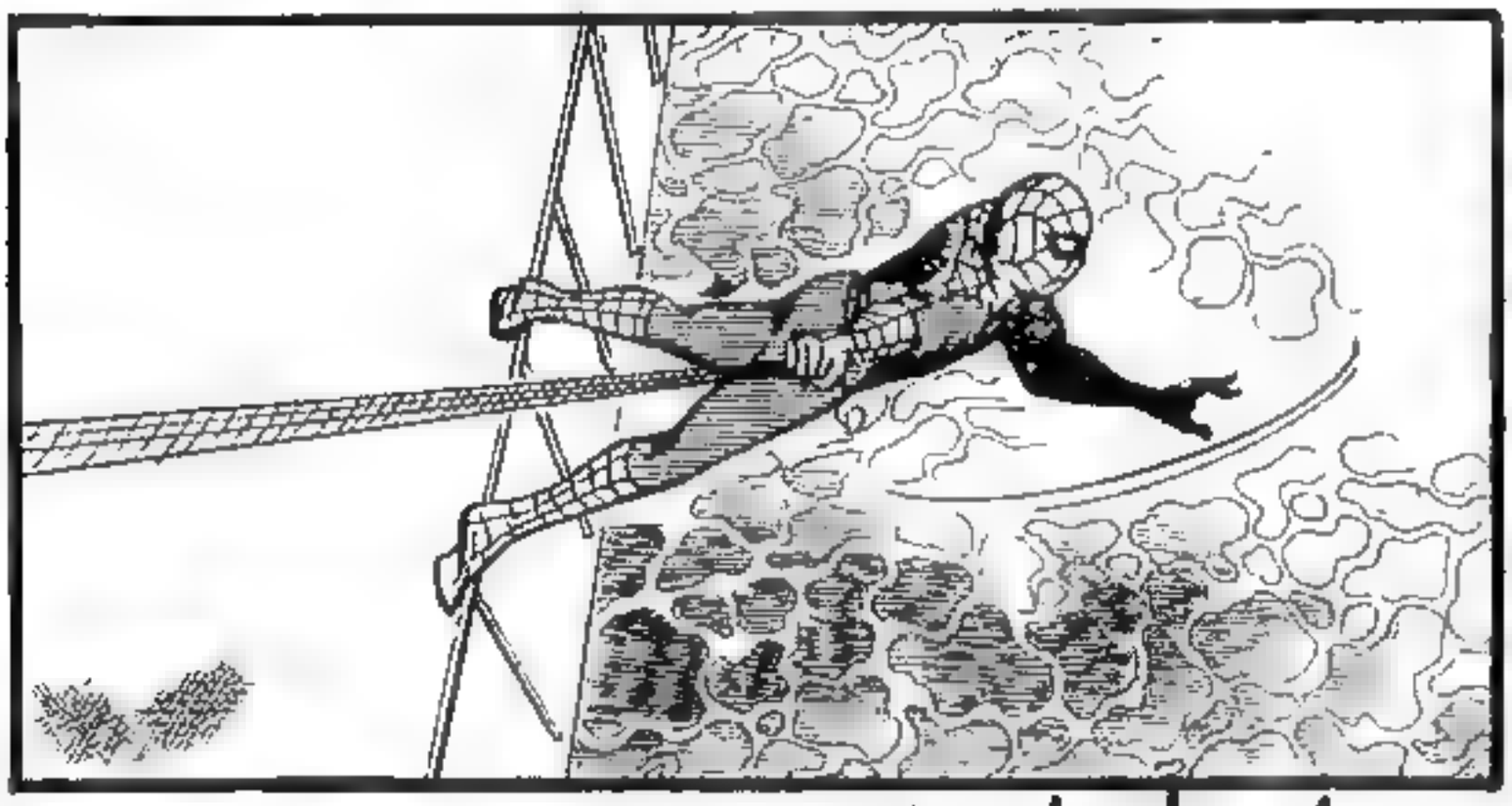
I-IT'S NO USE! I'M NOT GETTING THROUGH TO HIM!

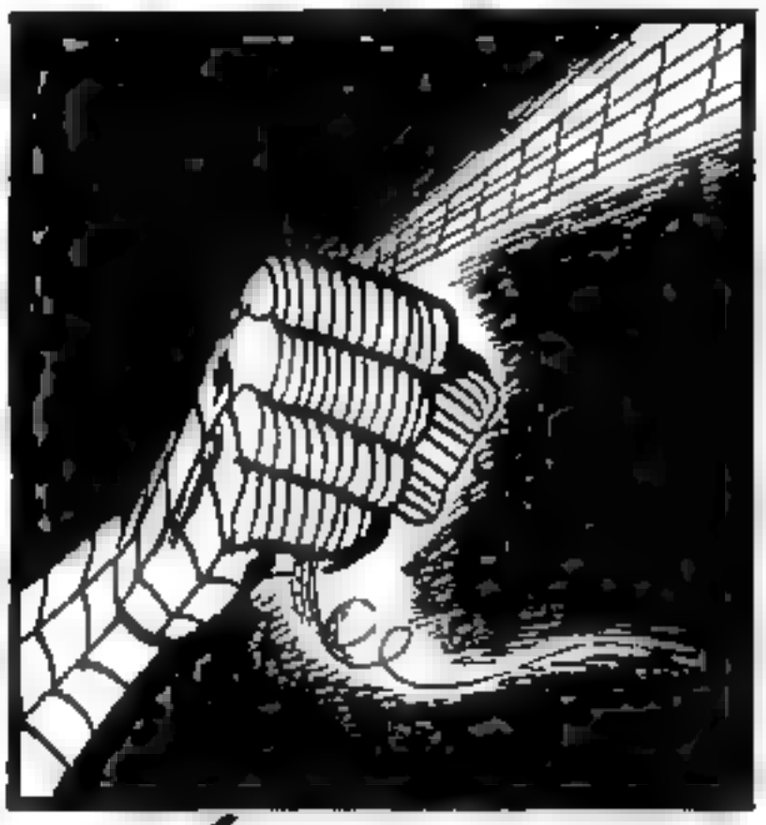
HWAAUGH!

IF THIS KEEPS UP...

...I'LL BE KILLED!







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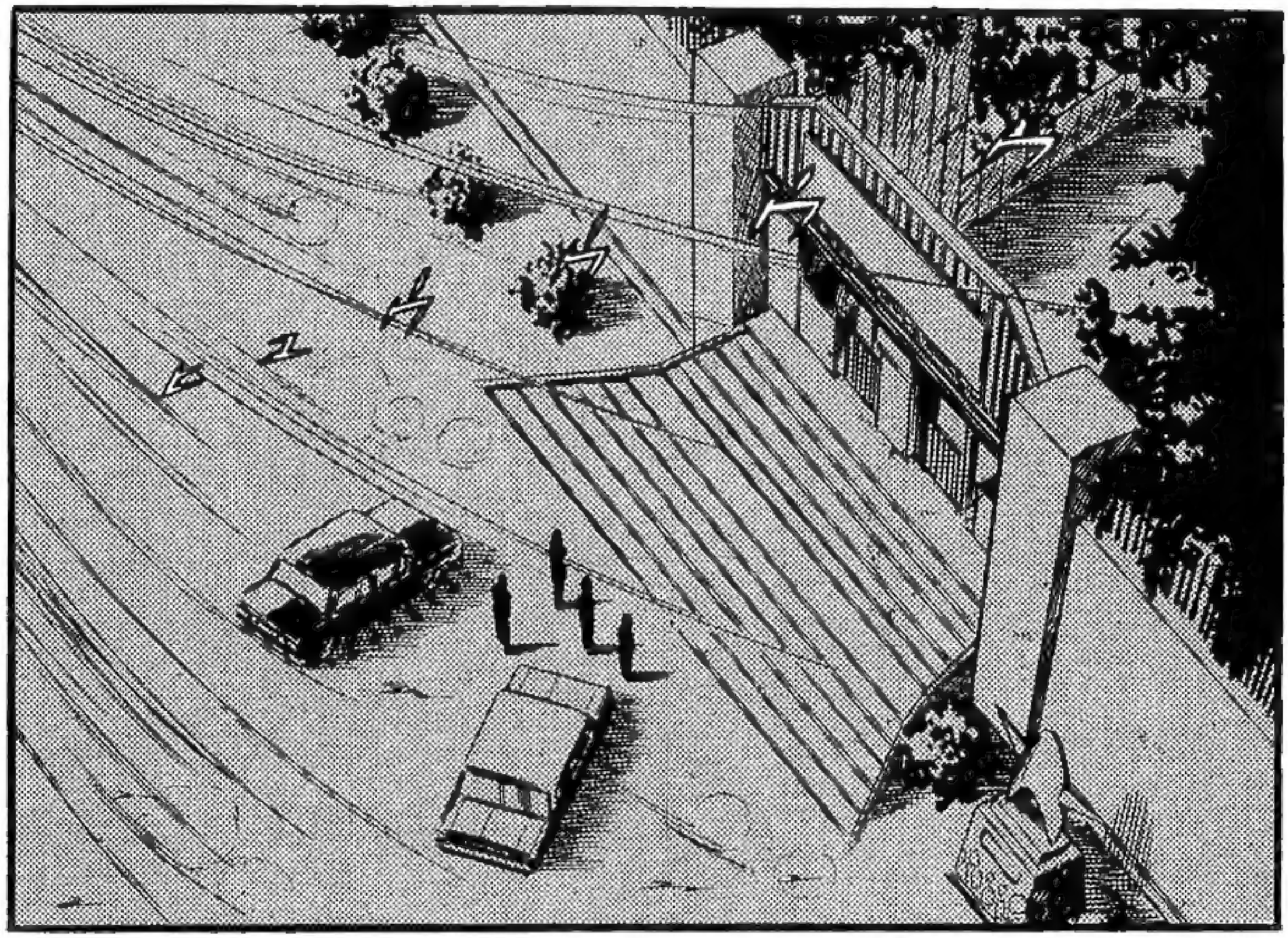
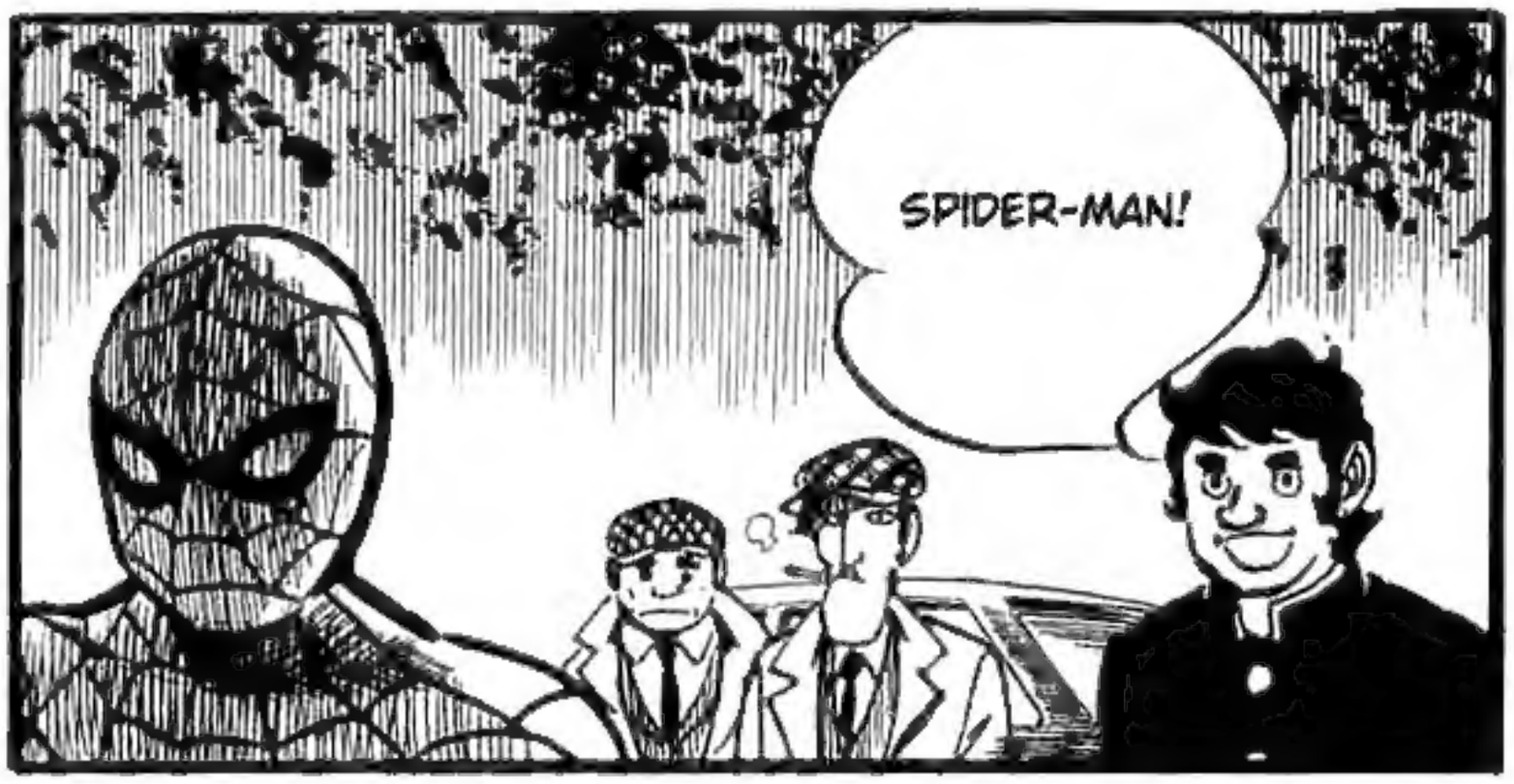
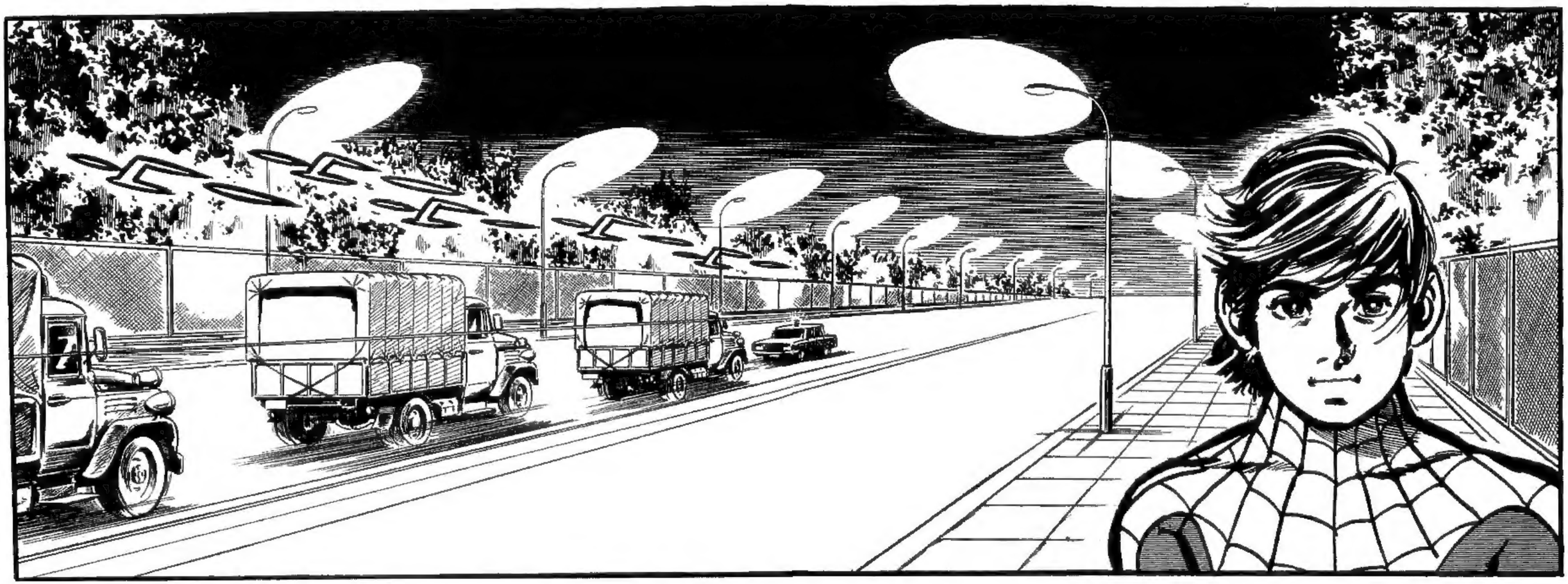
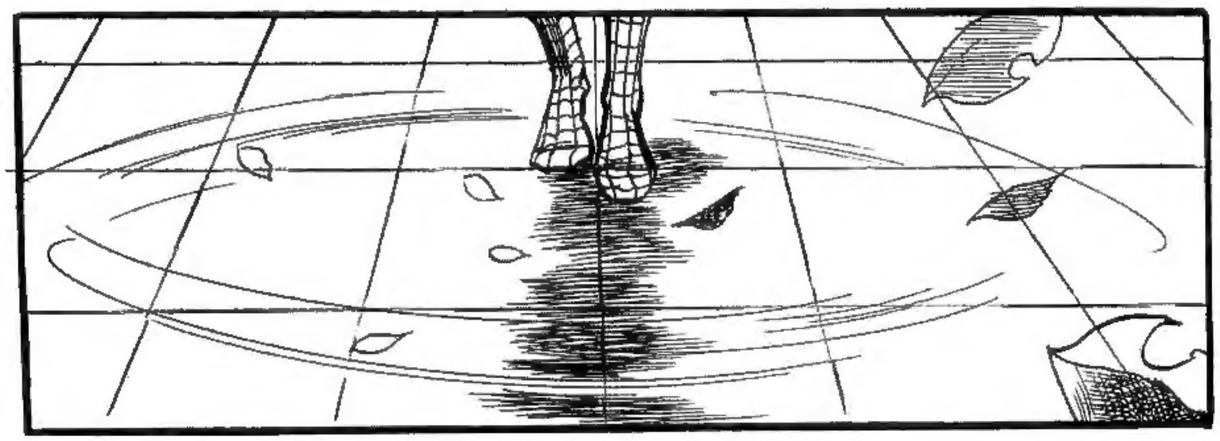
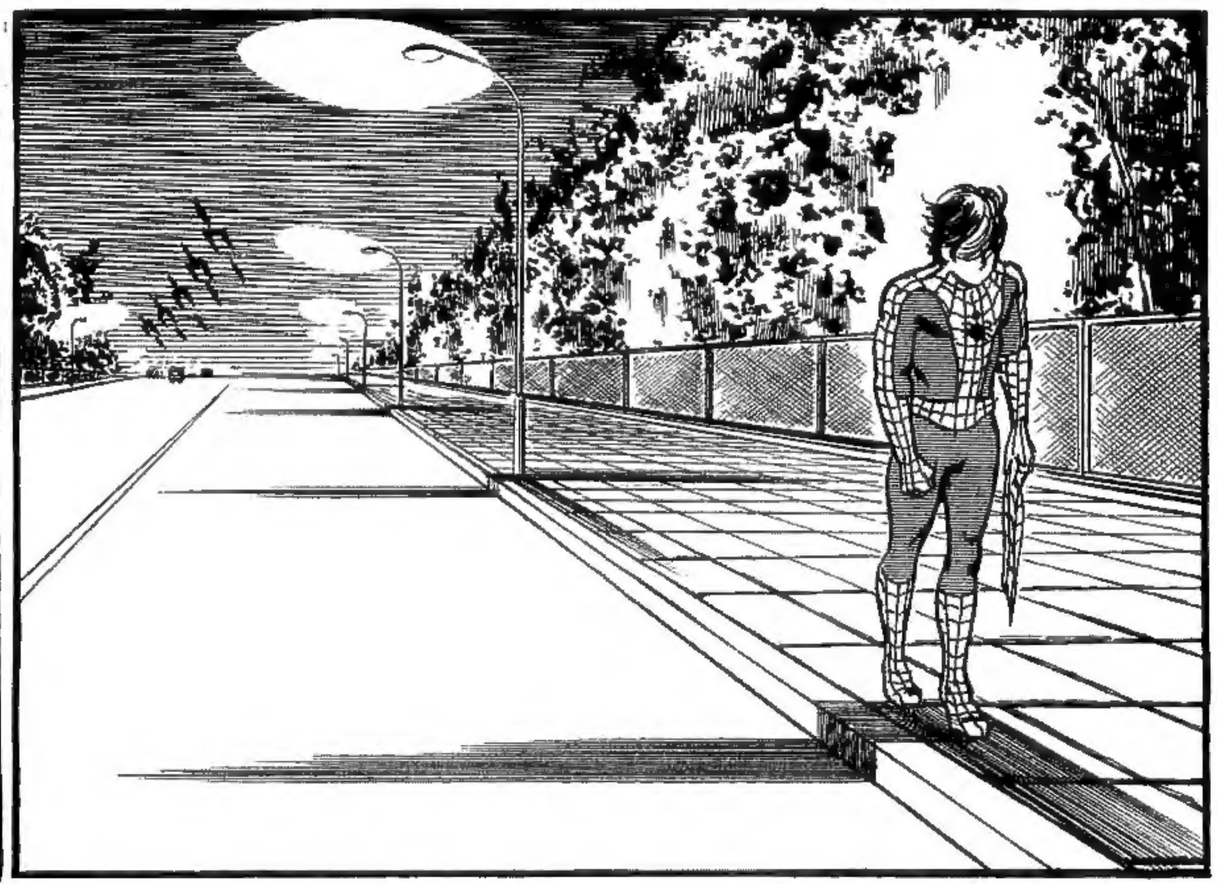



SPIDER-MAN!



...I'M SURE MY SPIDER-SENSE... WILL TAKE THE SIDE... OF THE MONSTER...
NEXT TIME... IF A MONSTER SHOWS UP... THEN...





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